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GOVERNMENT OF KARNATAKA

Karnataka Slum Development Board • Bangalore • KSDB

Sri Narendra Modi
Hon'ble Prime Minister, GoI

Sri Siddaramaiah
Hon'ble Chief Minister

Sri D.K. Shivakumar
Hon'ble Deputy Chief Minister

HOUSING DEPARTMENT

KARNATAKA SLUM DEVELOPMENT BOARD

Guarantee Government
A progressive Government
Now provides home to the homeless

Several measures have been taken to provide a proper shelter for the people dwelling in slums in the State. The State government is formulating and implementing many ambitious programmes for slum dwellers. KSDB evolving various befitting schemes to provide House for all homeless thereby fulfilling the dream of owning a house. This is yet another testimony for the fulfillment of the present Government's guarantees.

Sri B.Z. Zameer Ahmed Khan, Hon'ble Housing Minister and **Sri Prasad Abbayya,** Chairman, Karnataka Slum Development Board inspecting the constructed houses at Hubballi.

Dedication of
42345 Houses
(2nd Stage)
out of 1,80,253 houses being constructed across the State under Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana 'Shelter for All' through **Grant-in-Aid of Hon'ble Chief Minister**

&

Distribution of House Allotment Letters / Title Deeds

on the occasion of **Golden Jubilee Celebration of the Board**

Date: 24-01-2026, Saturday
Time: 11:00 AM
Venue: Mantur Road, Hubballi

Inauguration of Programme & Dedication of Houses by

Sri Siddaramaiah
Hon'ble Chief Minister, Government of Karnataka

In the August presence of

Sri Pralhad Joshi
Hon'ble Union Minister of Consumer Affairs, Food & Public Distribution and New and Renewable Energy Government of India

Dr. Mallikarjun Kharge
Hon'ble Leader of Opposition Rajya Sabha

Sri Rahul Gandhi
Hon'ble Leader of Opposition Lok Sabha

Distribution of House Allotment Letters / Title Deeds by

Sri D.K. Shivakumar
Hon'ble Deputy Chief Minister, Minister for Major and Medium Irrigation and Bengaluru Urban Development, Government of Karnataka

In the presence of

Sri Basavaraj Horatti
Hon'ble Chairman
Karnataka Legislative Council

Presided by

Sri B.Z. Zameer Ahmed Khan
Hon'ble Minister for Housing, Wakf and Minorities Welfare & Vijayanagara & Ballari District in-charge Minister, Government of Karnataka

Chief Guests

Sri Santhosh S. Lad
Hon'ble Minister for Labour and Dharwad District in-charge Minister Government of Karnataka

Sri Chalavadi T. Narayanaswamy
Hon'ble Leader of Opposition
Karnataka Legislative Council

Sri R. Ashoka
Hon'ble Leader of Opposition
Karnataka Legislative Assembly

Sri Saleem Ahmed
Hon'ble Chief Whip
Karnataka Legislative Council

Courteous presence of

Dr. Shalini Rajneesh, IAS
Chief Secretary, Government of Karnataka

Introductory Speech and Distribution of Mementos on the occasion of Golden Jubilee celebration of the Board

Sri Prasad Abbayya
Hon'ble Chairman,
Karnataka Slum Development Board & MLA, Hubballi-Dharwad East Assembly Constituency

and all the Ministers of the State, Hon'ble Members of Lok Sabha / Rajya Sabha, Hon'ble MLAs / MLCs, Chairman & Vice-Chairman and Members of Board/Corporations and elected representatives of local bodies will present in the programme.

ALL ARE WELCOME

Mohan Raj. K.P, IAS
Secretary to Government
Housing Department

Parashurama Shinnalkar, KAS (Supertime Scale)
Managing Director
Rajiv Gandhi Housing Corporation Ltd.

Raghavendra. T., KAS (Supertime Scale)
Commissioner
Karnataka Slum Development Board

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HC allows bike taxis

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

In a major setback for the State government, the High Court of Karnataka on Friday declared the blanket ban on bike taxis as contrary to the Motor Vehicles Act, and directed the transport authorities to grant 'contract carriage permits' for two-wheelers by registering them as 'transport vehicles' to operate as bike taxis.

A Division Bench of the court in its verdict, said that aggregators like Uber, Ola and Rapido can operate even bike taxis under the existing Karnataka On-Demand Transport Technology Aggregator Rules, 2016 by providing details of two-wheelers in their licence applications, and there is no need to frame separate rules allowing bike taxi service through aggregators.

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NDA double-engine govt. will be formed in T.N.: PM

Modi launches all-out attack on ruling DMK, saying it promoted corruption and crime, and did not deliver on its promises; AIADMK will form the government with a clear majority, says Palaniswami

N. Sai Charan
MADURANTAKAM

In his first major message in poll-bound Tamil Nadu, BJP leader and Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Friday said the State needs an "NDA double-engine government", which would march "shoulder-to-shoulder" with the Union government to achieve overall development. He targeted the ruling DMK, saying it served a "single family" and that "people have now resolved to uproot" it from the State.

Addressing a public meeting alongside leaders of parties that have joined the National Democratic Alliance (NDA) at Madurantakam near Chennai, Mr. Modi launched a frontal attack on the DMK, saying the massive crowd turnout sent across a loud message that Tamil Nadu was now ready for change. Tamil Nadu wanted to be liberated from the misrule of the DMK and desired a "BJP-NDA government".

Campaign trail: Prime Minister Narendra Modi addressing a public meeting in Madurantakam on Friday. R. RAGU

AIADMK leader Edappadi K. Palaniswami, who spoke earlier, proclaimed, "The NDA alliance will win 210 seats. The AIADMK will form the government with a clear majority."

However, Mr. Modi, throughout, spoke of the need to establish an "NDA double-engine government" (as opposed to a single-party rule).

He said the people had given the mandate to the DMK, but it had broken their trust. While it made several promises, its work was "zero". The people saw the regime as a "CMC government" – a government that promoted corruption, mafia and crime.

"In Tamil Nadu, you have a government which has nothing to do with democracy or accountability. The DMK government is just doing the bidding of a single family. If anyone wants to grow in the DMK, there are only three or four routes for it – dynasty, corruption, abusing women, and abusing our culture... Only such people are progressing. The entire State is bearing the brunt because of this," he said.

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Give decisive mandate to BJP, Modi tells Kerala voters

The Hindu Bureau
THIRUVANANTHAPURAM

Appealing to the people of Kerala to provide a "decisive mandate" to the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) in the upcoming Assembly election, Prime Minister Narendra Modi made a strong pitch for 'Vikasita Keralam' (Developed Kerala) at the BJP-led National Democratic Alliance's 'Mission Kerala' rally in Thiruvananthapuram on Friday.

Though there was expectation that Mr. Modi would announce big-ticket developmental projects for Kerala, including a high-speed rail corridor and Metro line for the capital, he did not mention any project, while saying the State needed a "double-engine government" to derive benefits of developmental efforts at the national level.

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Manipur killing case being handed over to NIA, says Governor

The Hindu Bureau
GUWAHATI

Manipur Governor Ajay Kumar Bhalla on Thursday said the case related to the killing of a Meitei man by suspected Kuki extremists was being handed over to the National Investigation Agency (NIA) for a thorough and impartial probe.

A statement issued by the Lok Bhavan in the State capital, Imphal, late on Thursday night said the Governor informed the bereaved family of Mayanglambam Rishikanta Singh of the decision to have the NIA investigate his killing.

Singh, who had gone to visit his Kuki wife at Tuibong in Churachandpur district, was abducted by suspected United Kuki National Army extremists and shot dead on camera. The killing led to tensions in the Meitei-dominated Imphal Valley, particularly in his home district of Kakching.

Ajay Kumar Bhalla

Late on Thursday evening, members of a Joint Action Committee (JAC) led by Congress MP Angomcha Bimol Akoijam called on the Governor and submitted a memorandum seeking action against those responsible for Singh's death. The JAC included family members of the deceased.

Apart from assuring the delegation that the case was being handed over to the NIA, Mr. Bhalla also said State and Central forces were carrying out intensive combing operations to apprehend the culprits.

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GETTY IMAGES

No-limits Mahuchikh looks to reassert her aerial dominance

The Ukrainian high jumper has begun 2026 with her best clearance since setting the world record in 2024. This bodes well for the reigning Olympic champion, who had a disappointing end to 2025, losing her World title and being outshone by rival Nicola Olyslagers. Mahuchikh's eyes this year are set firmly on making March's World Indoor Championships her own

Reuters
Agence France-Presse

Ukraine's Yaroslava Mahuchikh, the reigning high jump Olympic champion and world record holder, opened her season last weekend, clearing 2.03m at the Demyanyuk Memorial on home soil. It's an early world-leading mark as well as the fifth-highest winning jump of her career.

But, perhaps most significantly, it's both her best clearance since breaking the world record a year and a half ago and one centimetre higher than her top jump in 2025. To be in such good nick so early in the season suggests that Mahuchikh could be close to regaining her best – she struggled in the second half of last season, judged by her own lofty standards, that is.

> Competing with Nicola [Olyslagers], it's so cool. If someone jumps well, I get the feeling that I am ready to fight and jump higher and higher

Stunning run

Ahead of last June's Stockholm Diamond League meet, Mahuchikh had won 14 of 15 competitions, a stunning run that included Olympic and World crowns, and the historic breaking of Stefka Kostadinova's 37-year-old mark with a jump of 2.10m in July 2024. She then suffered five defeats in eight events, starting in Stockholm and culminating in the loss of her World title at Tokyo last September. She was on the podium in all but one of these losses. For generational talents like her, however, nothing short of victory will do; everything else is seen as failure.

> I want to improve myself and jump higher than 2.10, I think it's possible. I feel that I can do it... there are definitely no limits

Pursuing a gold-laden 2026, the 24-year-old will be especially keen to set the record straight at March's World Indoor Championships. She hasn't been on the top step of the podium at the prestigious event since her triumph at Belgrade in 2022.

Mahuchikh is planning her indoor season carefully: on the road to the World Indoors, she will compete at the Springer-Meeting in Cottbus (Germany) next week and the Tipos Banskobystricka latka in Banska Bystrica (Slovakia) in late February. She is also scheduled to feature in the Ukrainian Championships, an important part of her return to home base this year.

When Russia invaded Ukraine in 2022, Mahuchikh piled as much as she could into her car and left Dnipro, her hometown of almost one million, located only about 100 kilometres from the front lines of the war. On her way out, she heard gunfire and could, at times, see shells raining down miles away. Since then, she has been forced to train abroad, away from her family. Her success over the last four years is astonishing, seen in isolation. When you consider the emotional turmoil and the lack of stability in her life, her deeds are elevated even further.

But the years of constant travel have extracted a psychological toll, she told Ukrainian media after beginning 2026 at the Demyanyuk Memorial with a win.

"Why did I decide to start in Ukraine? After almost four years of travelling back and forth, I missed home, so this year I am training at home. That's why I'm opening the season at home. I will compete in the Ukrainian Championships in February," she said. "We've constantly moved from one city to another to prepare for competitions and achieve top results. But it's mentally exhausting. Here are my people, my friends, my apartment, my cat who's always nearby."

Extreme circumstances

Sebastian Coe, World Athletics president and double Olympic champion, offered a sense of just how challenging Mahuchikh's journey has been. "I was able to prepare in the safety and security of my home city. I was able, when I needed to, to travel abroad," he said. "I cannot imagine what it must be like for athletes in Ukraine. It's an intolerable situation."

The risks Mahuchikh faces, training in Ukraine, are considerable. "I try not to focus on the shelling and instead prepare mentally for training. We monitor threats, including ballistic missile risks. In Dnipro, they've done a very good job dividing air raid alerts by city districts, which helps assess the situation," she said, adding that training is suspended during air raid alerts.

Mahuchikh's life story only adds to her growing legend, which began during her years as a teenage prodigy. She broke through in stunning fashion at the 2019 Worlds in Doha, where she lost the gold on countback to the great Mariya Lasitskene, an Olympic and three-time World champion. Just 18 then, Mahuchikh began to build an empire to rival Lasitskene's.

But the Ukrainian's dominance has been challenged by Australia's Nicola Olyslagers, who beat Mahuchikh in the three biggest events of 2025: the Worlds, the World Indoors, and the Diamond League Final. Although Mahuchikh leads Olyslagers 27-11 in finals overall, she trailed her rival 4-5 in 2025. It's a trend she will want to reverse in 2026, as she looks to add to her collections of big titles (1xOlympics, 1xWorlds, 1xWorld Indoors, 3xDiamond League Final).

Although the competition between the two is fierce, their relationship is one of camaraderie and mutual respect. "Competing with Nicola, it's interesting to watch, and it just gets me ready for my next competition," Mahuchikh told Olympics.com. "We all get on well and help one another along. When someone else is jumping really well, it can give you this energy. If someone jumps well, I get the feeling that I am ready to fight and jump higher and higher. It's so cool. I like this atmosphere, because I think you should be competitors on the track but stay friendly off it."

Olyslagers, five years older than her rival, agreed with Mahuchikh's assessment. "I enjoy jumping with Yaroslava as I know that when she jumps high, I jump high," she said.

Main-event storyline

The Mahuchikh-Olyslagers storyline is expected to be one of the main events of the athletics season, and their duels have the potential to push both athletes to sustained excellence. But while Mahuchikh is thankful for the competitive stimulus the rivalry supplies, she is powered by more than that. Her love for jumping, her ambition, her imagination and her resilience make her both a serial winner and a compelling watch.

"I am ready to fly like a swallow," she once said. "Your body takes off for several seconds, you fly ... it is really fantastic those seconds. I want to improve myself and jump higher than 2.10, I think it's possible. I feel that I can do it... there are definitely no limits."

STACKING UP

ATP Men's Top 15

#	Player	Age	Points	Events
1	Carlos Alcaraz	22	12,050	19
2	Jannik Sinner	24	11,500	18
3	Alexander Zverev	28	5,105	24
4	Novak Djokovic	38	4,780	19
5	Lorenzo Musetti	23	4,105	23
6	Alex de Minaur	26	4,080	23
7	Ben Shelton	23	4,000	23
8	Felix Auger-Aliassime	25	3,990	27
9	Taylor Fritz	28	3,840	23
10	Alexander Bublik	28	3,065	29
11	Jack Draper	24	2,990	17
12	Daniil Medvedev	29	2,910	25
13	Casper Ruud	27	2,795	22
14	A. Davidovich Fokina	26	2,635	26
15	Andrey Rublev	28	2,600	26

Top Indians ▶

Sumit Nagal
Rank 281 ▼ 2 spots

Aryan Shah
Rank 400 ▼ 6 spots

WTA Women's Top 15

#	Player	Age	Points	Events
1	Aryna Sabalenka	27	10,990	20
2	Iga Swiatek	24	8,328	20
3	Coco Gauff	21	6,423	20
4	Amanda Anisimova	24	6,320	21
5	Elena Rybakina	26	5,850	23
6	Jessica Pegula	31	5,453	23
7	Mirra Andreeva	18	4,731	20
8	Jasmine Paolini	30	4,267	19
9	Madison Keys	30	4,111	19
10	Belinda Bencic	28	3,512	20
11	Ekaterina Alexandrova	31	3,375	26
12	Elina Svitolina	31	2,856	17
13	Linda Noskova	21	2,641	24
14	Clara Tauson	23	2,530	24
15	Emma Navarro	24	2,515	25

Top Indians ▶

Sahaja Yamalapalli
Rank 370 ▼ 3 spots

Shrivalli Bhamidipaty
Rank 453 ▼ 5 spots

English Premier League Standings

#	Team	GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	GD	PTS
1	Arsenal	22	15	5	2	40	14	26	50
2	Man. City	22	13	4	5	45	21	24	43
3	Aston Villa	22	13	4	5	33	25	8	43
4	Liverpool	22	10	6	6	33	29	4	36
5	Man. United	22	9	8	5	38	32	6	35
6	Chelsea	22	9	7	6	36	24	12	34
7	Brentford	22	10	3	9	35	30	5	33
8	Newcastle	22	9	6	7	32	27	5	33
9	Sunderland	22	8	9	5	23	23	0	33
10	Everton	22	9	5	8	24	25	-1	32
11	Fulham	22	9	4	9	30	31	-1	31
12	Brighton	22	7	9	6	32	29	3	30
13	Crystal Palace	22	7	7	8	23	25	-2	28
14	Tottenham	22	7	6	9	31	29	2	27
15	Bournemouth	22	6	9	7	35	41	-6	27
16	Leeds United	22	6	7	9	30	37	-7	25
17	N. Forest	22	6	4	12	21	34	-13	22
18	West Ham	22	4	5	13	24	44	-20	17
19	Burnley	22	3	5	14	23	42	-19	14
20	Wolves	22	1	5	16	15	41	-26	8

Italian Serie A Standings

#	Team	GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	GD	PTS
1	Inter Milan	21	16	1	4	44	17	27	49
2	AC Milan	21	13	7	1	34	16	18	46
3	Napoli	21	13	4	4	31	17	14	43
4	Roma	21	14	0	7	26	12	14	42
5	Juventus	21	11	6	4	32	17	15	39
6	Como	21	10	7	4	31	16	15	37
7	Atalanta	21	8	8	5	26	20	6	32
8	Bologna	21	8	6	7	30	24	6	30
9	Lazio	21	7	7	7	21	19	2	28
10	Udinese	21	7	5	9	22	33	-11	26
11	Sassuolo	21	6	5	10	23	28	-5	23
12	Cremonese	21	5	8	8	20	28	-8	23
13	Parma	21	5	8	8	14	22	-8	23
14	Torino	21	6	5	10	21	34	-13	23
15	Cagliari	21	5	7	9	22	30	-8	22
16	Genoa	21	4	8	9	22	29	-7	20
17	Fiorentina	21	3	8	10	23	32	-9	17
18	Lecce	21	4	5	12	13	29	-16	17
19	Pisa	21	1	11	9	16	31	-15	14
20	Verona	21	2	8	11	17	34	-17	14

Spanish LaLiga Standings

#	Team	GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	GD	PTS
1	Barcelona	20	16	1	3	54	22	32	49
2	Real Madrid	20	15	3	2	43	17	26	48
3	Villarreal	19	13	2	4	37	19	18	41
4	Atletico Madrid	20	12	5	3	35	17	18	41
5	Espanyol	20	10	4	6	23	22	1	34
6	Real Betis	20	8	8	4	33	25	8	32
7	Celta Vigo	20	8	8	4	28	20	8	32
8	Elche	20	5	9	6	27	26	1	24
9	Real Sociedad	20	6	6	8	26	28	-2	24
10	Athletic Club	20	7	3	10	19	28	-9	24
11	Girona	20	6	6	8	20	34	-14	24
12	Osasuna	20	6	4	10	21	24	-3	22
13	Rayo Vallecano	20	5	7	8	16	25	-9	22
14	Sevilla	20	6	3	11	26	32	-6	21
15	Real Mallorca	20	5	6	9	24	30	-6	21
16	Getafe	20	6	3	11	15	26	-11	21
17	Valencia	20	4	8	8	19	31	-12	20
18	Alaves	20	5	4	11	16	25	-9	19
19	Levante	19	3	5	11	21	32	-11	14
20	Real Oviedo	20	2	7	11	11	31	-20	13

German Bundesliga Standings

#	Team	GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	GD	PTS
1	Bayern	18	16	2	0	71	14	57	50
2	Dortmund	18	11	6	1	35	17	18	39
3	Hoffenheim	17	10	3	4	35	21	14	33
4	Stuttgart	18	10	3	5	33	26	7	33
5	RB Leipzig	17	10	2	5	33	24	9	32
6	Leverkusen	17	9	2	6	34	25	9	29
7	Eintracht	18	7	6	5	38	39	-1	27
8	SC Freiburg	18	6	6	6	29	31	-2	24
9	Union Berlin	18	6	6	6	24	27	-3	24
10	Cologne	18	5	5	8	27	30	-3	20
11	M'gladbach	18	5	5	8	23	29	-6	20
12	Wolfsburg	18	5	4	9	27	38	-11	19
13	Werder	17	4	6	7	21	34	-13	18
14	Hamburg	17	4	5	8	17	27	-10	17
15	FC Augsburg	18	4	4	10	20	35	-15	16
16	Heidenheim	18	3	4	11	17	39	-22	13
17	Mainz	18	2	6	10	18	31	-13	12
18	St Pauli	17	3	3	11	16	31	-15	12

Test Batting

#	Player	Rating	Career best
1	Joe Root	880	932
2	Harry Brook	857	898
3	Travis Head	853	884
4	Steve Smith	831	947
5	Kane Williamson	822	919
6	Kamindu Mendis	781	784
7	Temba Bavuma	775	806
8	Yashasvi Jaiswal	750	858
9	Saud Shakeel	734	787
10	Shubman Gill	730	807

Test Bowling

#	Player	Rating	Career best
1	Jasprit Bumrah	879	908
2	Noman Ali	843	853
3	Mitchell Starc	838	852
4	Matt Henry	836	853
5	Pat Cummins	832	914
6	Marco Jansen	825	825
7	Scott Boland	820	820
8	Kagiso Rabada	807	902
9	Josh Hazlewood	775	864
10	Nathan Lyon	753	812

ODI Batting

#	Player	Rating	Career best
1	Daryl Mitchell	845	845
2	Virat Kohli	795	909
3	Ibrahim Zadran	764	764
4	Rohit Sharma	757	882
5	Shubman Gill	723	847
6	Babar Azam	722	898
7	Harry Tector	708	767
8	Shai Hope	701	802
9	Charith Asalanka	690	725
10	K.L. Rahul	670	683

ODI Bowling

#	Player	Rating	Career best
1	Rashid Khan	710	799
2	Jofra Archer	670	683
3	Maheesh Theekshana	647	686
4	Keshav Maharaj	646	741
5	Bernard Scholtz	645	648
6	Josh Hazlewood	628	727
7	Kuldeep Yadav	625	761
8	Abrar Ahmed	624	630
9	Wanindu Hasaranga	619	625
10	Mitchell Santner	617	657

T20I Batting

#	Player	Rating	Career best
1	Abhishek Sharma	908	931
2	Phil Salt	849	881
3	Tilak Varma	805	845
4	Jos Buttler	770	794
5	Sahibzada Farhan	763	776
6	Pathum Nissanka	758	794
7	Travis Head	713	885
8	Mitchell Marsh	684	694
9	Tim Seifert	683	727
10	Dewald Brevis	680	685

T20I Bowling

#	Player	Rating	Career best
1	Varun Chakaravarthy	804	818
2	Rashid Khan	710	828
3	Wanindu Hasaranga	702	809
4	Jacob Duffy	699	750
5	Abrar Ahmed	691	703
6	Adil Rashid	686	747
7	Akeal Hosein	669	726
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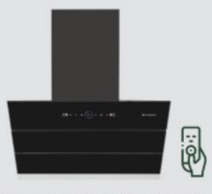

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Net Quantity: 1 Number
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Suction: 1400 m³/hr, 5 year Comprehensive Warranty
Net Quantity: 1 Number
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Tier 2, 3 residential sales value crosses ₹20,000 cr.

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

South India's real estate market closed 2025 with an estimated ₹20,000 crore in residential sales value, marking a decisive recovery from the pandemic phase and signalling a deeper structural shift toward emerging tier-2 and tier-3 cities, said M.R. Jaishankar, chairman and managing director, Brigade Group.

He was speaking at CREDAI SouthCon 2026, a two-day realty conclave commenced in the city on Friday. According to data shared at the conclave, by 2030 tier-2 and tier-3 South Indian cities could collectively deliver 40,000 residential units, scaling up to 60,000 units by 2035. Developers expect 100% growth in tier-2 sales volumes over the next five years, contingent on macro stability.

According to Mr. Jaishankar, South India still trails the all-India market in absolute scale when compared to much larger tier-2 cities in the North and West, including Ahmedabad, Lucknow, Indore and Kanpur.

However, he said, tier-2 cities, including Coimbatore, Kochi, Trivandrum and the rapidly advancing Visakhapatnam, were now emerging as the primary growth engines for the region, he said.

Bhaskar T. Nagendrappa, president, CREDAI Karnataka, said, "South India's real estate sector is entering a decisive decade. With technology transforming demand, tier-2 cities accelerating and stakeholders demanding greater transparency, trust is no longer optional- it is the basis for growth."

He said the apex body has urged the government to expand unit size limits, reduce GST and stamp duty and make affordable housing viable through faster approvals and PPP-based land support.

Industry players said although delivery delays are largely a thing of the past, permissions, e-Khata processes and power connections continue to face bureaucratic bottlenecks.

Prajwal Revanna case: SIT rewarded ₹25 lakh

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

The State government has announced a reward of ₹25 lakh for the officers in the Special Investigation Team (SIT) that is probing the crimes of former Hassan MP Prajwal Revanna.

A total of 29 officers have been given a cash reward. Two women IPS officers who spearheaded the probe have been awarded ₹2.5 lakh each, and inspectors who were investigating officers in the cases were rewarded in the range of ₹1.5 and ₹1.75 lakh.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

Medical records of patients from **January 2019 to December 2020** will be disposed on 30/01/2026.

Patients interested in collecting the medical records for the same period should personally visit the hospital with identity proof between 10:00 am to 4:00 pm on working days before 30/01/2026 for further guidance.

For, Manipal Hospital Bengaluru

Manipal Hospital Jayanagar
45/1, 45th Cross Road, Kottapalya,
Jayanagar 9th Block, Bengaluru 560 069, Karnataka
Ph: 080 4009 1138

PUBLIC NOTICE

It is hereby notified that, my clients have agreed to purchase the Schedule Property from its owners namely, **Sri.P.M.RAGHU RAM S/o late P.Malleshaiah Gupta,** residing at No.27, Kesari Nilaya, Flat No.22, 2nd Floor, H.B.Samaja Road, Bangalore and his sister **Smt.P.M.ANANTHALAKSHMI,** residing at Villa No.16, NCC Urban Mistywoods, Nitte Meenakshi College Road, Vaderapura, Yelahanka, Bangalore 560064.

Apart from the said owners, if any other person/s have any manner of claim or interest or demand over the Schedule property or any part thereof by way of sale, lease, mortgage, gift, lien, charge, trust, maintenance, easement, pre-emption or otherwise howsoever, they are hereby requested to file their objection/s (along with the photocopies of the documents on which they are relying), with the undersigned within **14 days** from the date of publication of this notice. Objection/s received thereafter will not be binding on my clients.

SCHEDULE

All that piece and parcel of residential property bearing Municipal No.7 (Old No.4), PID No.49-52-7, E.PID No.6539274188, measuring on the Eastern Side 35 feet, Western side 37 feet, Northern side 97½ feet and Southern side 109½ feet, in all measuring 3726 Sq.ft., with an old house thereon, situated at Karnic Road, Shankarapuram, Bangalore and bounded on:

East by : Conservancy Lane
West by : Public Road
North by : House No.5 belonging to late Srinivasa Rao
South by : House No.3 belonging to late B.Neelakanta.

Sd/- **S.F. GOUTAM CHAND**, Advocate,
GOUTAM ASSOCIATES,
No.60, 2nd Floor, Old Kanakapura Road,
Basavanagudi, Bengaluru - 560004

SOUTH WESTERN RAILWAY

The undersigned, on behalf of the President of India, Invites E-Tenders for the following works:

E-Tender Notice No.: Y/E.29/2025-26/77 Dated: 13.01.2026

Sl.#	Item of work	Approx. Value
1	Comprehensive Annual Maintenance Contract for DG Sets at Ghat section for a period of two years.	Rs. 3,65,123.00

Last date for submission of bids: **Upto 11:00 Hrs. on 03.02.2026**

E-Tender Notice No.: Y/E.29/2025-26/80 Dated: 13.02.2026

2	Chitradurga - Reconstruction of Staff Quarters Type-II, 4 units in lieu of dilapidated quarters Type-I, Qtrs. No. 4/B, C, D & E (Revised for Type-II, 8 units) in lieu of quarters No. 4/F, 5/A-B & 13/A.	Rs. 16,49,189.20

Last date for submission of bids: **Upto 11:00 Hrs. on 03.02.2026**

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Sr. Divisional Electrical Engineer/General/ Mysuru

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SOLAPUR DIVISION

e-Procurement

No.SUR/Sr.DMM/T.No.96255853 Date: 22.01.2026 E-Tender Notice

Divisional Store Office Central Railway, Solapur for and on Behalf of President of India invites online e-tenders on Railway's e-procurement website **www.ireps.gov.in** from the capable, reputed firms/Contractors for the following works. **01. Tender No:- 96255853, 02. Description:-** Supply, installation and Commissioning of Light Weight Lithium Battery Tamping Machine One Set containing 2 Nos of Tampers. (including 8 no of batteries, 4 no of chargers, 04 nos. tamping tool, 02 nos. transportation trolley) as per Specifications attached Annexure-A. **03. Quantity:-** 29 Set., **04. Earnest Money (INR):-** Rs.468130.00, **Date & Time of Closing of Tender on www.ireps.gov.in:-** 09-02-2026 after 11:30. The prospective tenderers are advised to revisit the website frequently before the date of closing of tender to note any changes/corrigenda issued for this tender. Website: **www.ireps.gov.in.**

Sr. Divisional Material Manager
08 Solapur

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[Regulations 34(3)]

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF FINANCE - DEPARTMENT OF FINANCIAL SERVICES
DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL - 2, BENGALURU
No. 4, Jeevan Mangal Building, Residency Road, Bengaluru - 560 025.

WARRANT OF ATTACHMENT OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTY
R.C. No. 02/2018 (OUT OF TA No. 1312/2017)

To,
Sri. Paritosh Kumar
Senior Manager, Canara Bank, ARM Branch - II, Bangalore - 1.
Between :
Canara Bank, ARM Branch II ... Applicant / Certificate Holder
And
M/s. NMR Catering Services Pvt. Ltd. & anr.
... Defendants / Certificate Debtors /

To,
1. M/s. NMR Catering Services Pvt. Ltd.
No. 2581/1, 13th Main, 7th Cross,
E Block, Sahakaranagar, Bangalore - 560 032.
2. Satyanarayana Sagar Mohan S/o. Mr. Mohan Rao.
3. Mrs. Mamatha S Rao W/o. Mr. Satyanarayana Sagar Mohan
4. Mr. Basavaradiya .K.M.
No. 1189/C, 4th Main Road, 14th Cross, M.C. Layout, Bangalore - 560040.
... Certificate Debtors

WHEREAS, **M/s. NMR Catering Services Pvt. Ltd. & anr.,** the certificate debtors herein were ordered by the Recovery Certificate on this Tribunal passed on the **23rd Day of November 2017 in T.A. No. 1312/2016** to pay to the Applicant Bank / F.I **Rs. 1,18,38,565/-** plus interest and costs, being the sum as noted below, and whereas the said amount has not been paid.

Recovery Certificate	Details
Principal	Rs. 1,18,38,565.00
Interest from 12-07-17 To 31-07-2019	Rs. 53,30,280.00
Costs	Rs. 1,84,043.00
Further Interest from 01-08-2019 - Till realisation	------
Total	Rs. 1,73,52,888.00

This is command you to attach the immovable property of the said Certificate Debtor as set forth in the Schedule hereinto annexed, or which shall be pointed out to you by the said claim holder and unless the said shall pay to you the above said sum and the costs of this attachment, to hold the same until further orders from the Reocvery Officer.

You are further commaned to return this Warrant on or before the 04th of October 2019 with an endorsement certifying the day on which and manner in which it has been executed, or why it has not been executed.

Given under my hand and the seal of the Tribunal, this **18th Day of September 2019.**

SCHEDULE OF PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of the property being No. 49/1 (Old No. 23/5, Muncipal No. 6), PID No. 36-48-49/1 at IV Main Road, Govindarajanagar, Ward No. 36, Magadi Main Road, Bangalore and bounded on : On the **East by :** Property of K.P. Sadashivaiah, On the **West by :** Property of K.P. Rudrappa, On the **North by :** Property of Sri Hosally Muniyappa, On the **South by :** Road.

K. Ramesh
Recovery Officer - 1
Debts Recovery Tribunal - 2, Bengaluru.

CHANGE OF NAME

We, Vallish Kumar.S and Shruthi S.K. R/at No.891, 16th Main, 21st Cross, Judicial Layout, Presidence School, G.K.V.K, Bengaluru-560065 do hereby solemnly state that, earlier we had named our Son as **ANJAN V KASHYAP** and had obtained his Birth Certificate (No.HEB/B/2011/0027/001501). We further state that, now we have changed his name as **ANJAN V (New Name)** and will continue in his new name for all future purpose vide affidavit sworn to Notary.

PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE is hereby given to the public at large that, our client is intending to purchase all that piece and parcel of the site bearing Katha No.1, Old katha No. 41, Property No.2403/Pro No.-48/4A, EPID No.7839559212 , craved out of Sy.No.48/4A situated at **Kothanuru Village, Krishnarajapuram Hobli, Bengaluru East Taluk,** now falling within the Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (newly named as Greater Bengaluru Authority) measuring East to West – **136 Feet** and North to South **80 Feet,** in all measuring **10,880 Sq.ft** and the said property is bounded by :

East by : Road ;
West by : Property belongs to Uttanallappa & Patel Ramaih ;
North by : Portion of land in Property No.48/4A ;
South by : Property belongs to Shobha K.K & Prema Kumar, now Christian Missionary Charitable Trust

As per the records furnished to us, the property is standing in the name of **Smt. Jayanti Biswas ("Owner")** D/o. late Chittaranjan Biswas & Biswas Nibedtita, aged about 33 years, R/at: No.72, Bagota Road, Saruna Devi Nagar Auto stand, Bagpota Post office, Sarsuna District, West Bengal – 700061 and the said owner has offered to sell the above property to our client.

ALL PERSONS including individuals, Hindu undivided family, companies, financial institution(s), non-banking financial institution(s), firms, association of persons, whether incorporated or not, lenders and/or creditors having any , objection, demand, claim, right, title and/or interest in respect of Land or any part or portion thereof, by way of sale, exchange, mortgage, pledge, charge, gift, trust, succession, family arrangement/ settlement, bequest, possession, lease, tenancy, maintenance, easement, memorandum of understanding, license, share, assignment, lien, attachment, development rights, partnership, right of way, lis pendens, decree or order of any judicial/quasi judicial authority, reservation, contracts/ agreement, power of attorney, option, right of first refusal, pre-emption or any liability or commitment or otherwise of any nature whatsoever are hereby requested to inform the same in writing, supported with the original documents, to the undersigned at the address mentioned below within a period of **7 (Seven) days** from the date of the publication of this notice, failing which, the claim or right, if any, of such person or persons shall be considered to have been waived and/or abandoned.

Prashanth Aradhya H.C.
Shekhar Law Associates.,
Advocate & Solicitors
#919, 5th Main, MC Layout, Vijaynagar,
Bengaluru-560040, Ph:9731967197
Bengaluru Date : 24-01-2026

PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice is given on behalf of my client **Mr. SYED IBRAHIM BADUSHA,** Son of Mr. Syed Ibrahim Shahib Latheef Sultan, that the property is more particularly described in the schedule hereunder and situated at all that piece and parcel of the Agricultural land bearing Survey No.126/2 ,measuring 1 Acre 33 Guntas situated in Naranahalli Village, Doddabelavangala Hobli, Doddaballapura, And all that piece and parcel of the Agricultural land bearing Survey No.126/4,measuring 1 Acre 11 Guntas situated in Naranahalli Village, Doddabelavangala Hobli, Doddaballapura. Which is owned by **Mrs. GANGAMMA** Wife of Mr. Mariyanna and **Mr. CHANDRASHEKAR D M** Son of Mr. Mariyanna and **Mr. GIRISH KUMAR** Son of Mr. Mariyanna. Having acquired vide Gift deed registered on dated 10.03.1993 document No.2404/1982-83, stored in Book No.1, Volume No.1619, page No.173-175 registered at the office of the Sub Registrar Doddaballapur and My client has decided to Purchase the said schedule property. Therefore any person(s) having any claim in respect of the above referred property or part thereof by way of sale, exchange, mortgage, charge, gift, maintenance, inheritance, possession, lease, tenancy, sub tenancy, lien, license, hypothecation, transfer of title or beneficial interest under any trust right of prescription or pre-emption or under any Agreement or other disposition or under any decree, order or Award or otherwise claiming, howsoever, are hereby requested to make the same known in writing together with supporting documents to the undersigned at the office of Ashvik Law Associates, Advocates and Solicitors, within a period of 7 days of the publication hereof failing which the claim of such person(s) will deemed to have been waived and/or abandoned,

SCHEDULE:

ALL THAT PIECE AND PARCEL OF the Agricultural land bearing **Survey No.126/2**, measuring **1 Acre 33 Guntas** situated in **Naranahalli Village, Doddabelavangala Hobli, Doddaballapura** and bounded as follows:-

East by : Property belonging to Mr. Doddaveranna; **West by :** Property belonging to Mr. Chikkahanumaiah; **North by :** Property belonging to Mr.Chikkahanumaiah; **South by :** Thalavarike .

AND

ALL THAT PIECE AND PARCEL OF the Agricultural land bearing **Survey No.126/4,** measuring **1 Acre 11 Guntas** situated in **Naranahalli Village, Doddabelavangala Hobli, Doddaballapura** and bounded as follows:-

East by : Property belonging to Mr. Doddaveranna; **West by :** Property belonging to Mr.Chikkahanumaiah; **North by :** Property belonging to Mr.Chikkahanumaiah; **South by :** Thalavarike .

Sd/-
Advocate Ashwini Annegowda
Mob: 9538535801
Ashvik Law Associates,
Office at No 24, First Floor,
Sri Rama Mandir Road,
Near to Lalbagh Metro Station,
Basavanagudi, Bangalore-560004.

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF FINANCE - DEPARTMENT OF FINANCIAL SERVICES
DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL - II, BENGALURU
No. 4, Jeevan Mangal Building, Residency Road, Bengaluru - 560 025.

[UNDER RULE 53 OF THE SECOND SCHEDULE OF THE INCOME TAX ACT, 1961]
NOTICE FOR SETTLING A SALE PROCLAMATION
R.C. No. 02/2018 (OUT OF TA No. 1312/2017)

To,
Sri. Paritosh Kumar
Senior Manager, Canara Bank, ARM Branch - II, Bangalore - 1.
Between :
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And
M/s. NMR Catering Services Pvt. Ltd. & anr.
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To,
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No. 2581/1, 13th Main, 7th Cross,
E Block, Sahakaranagar, Bangalore - 560 032.
2. Satyanarayana Sagar Mohan S/o. Mr. Mohan Rao.
3. Mrs. Mamatha S Rao W/o. Mr. Satyanarayana Sagar Mohan
4. Mr. Basavaradiya .K.M.
No. 1189/C, 4th Main Road, 14th Cross, M.C. Layout, Bangalore - 560040.
... Certificate Debtors

Whereas in execution of certificate **No. 02/2018, dated 23-11-2027** drawn up by the **Presiding Officer, Debts Recovery Tribunal - 2, Bangalore** the under signed has ordered the sale of the under mentioned properties.

You are hereby informed that the day on or after the fifteenth day from the date of service of this notice has been fixed for drawing up the proclamation of sale and settling the terms thereof, you are requested to bring to the notice of the undersigned any encumbrances, charges, claims or liabilities attaching to the said properties or any portion thereof.

SCHEDULE OF PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of the property being No. 49/1 (Old No. 23/5, Muncipal No. 6), PID No. 36-48-49/1 at IV Main Road, Govindarajanagar, Ward No. 36, Magadi Main Road, Bangalore and bounded on : On the **East by :** Property of K.P. Sadashivaiah, On the **West by :** Property of K.P. Rudrappa, On the **North by :** Property of Sri Hosally Muniyappa, On the **South by :** Road.

Given under my hand and the seal of the Tribunal, this **18th Day of September 2019.**

K. Ramesh
Recovery Officer - 1
Debts Recovery Tribunal - 2, Bengaluru.

BENGALURU CENTRAL CITY CORPORATION

Office of the Executive Engineer, (MPED & Transport), Annex Building-2, Ground Floor, GBA Head Office Premises, N.R. Square, Bengaluru - 560002.

No:EE(MPED&Transport)/TEND/03/2025-26 Date: 23-01-2026

INVITATION FOR TENDER (IFT)
(Two Cover System) (Through GOK KPP Portal only)

Executive Engineer, MPED & Transport, BCCC, Bengaluru invites Proposals (Technical & Financial) for Appointing eligible reputed Service Providers for the Services detailed below.

Sl. No.	Name of the Project
1	Providing Security Services to GBA Head Office, Zone-2, Bengaluru Central City Corporation Building at Hudson Circle for Three Years. **Amount Put to Tender (Rs. in Lakhs): 420.43, EMD Amount (in Rs.): 6,31,000/-**
2	Providing Security Services to Town Hall and Chief Auditor Office, Majestic, BCCC, Zone-2 Office for Three Years. **Amount Put to Tender (Rs. in Lakhs): 155.88, EMD Amount (in Rs.): 2,34,000/-**
3	Providing Housekeeping Services to GBA Head Office, Zone-2, Bengaluru Central City Corporation Building at Hudson Circle for Three Years. **Amount Put to Tender (Rs. in Lakhs): 484.29, EMD Amount (in Rs.): 7,26,500/-**
4	Providing Housekeeping Services to Town Hall and Chief Auditor Office, Majestic, BCCC, Zone-2 Office for Three Years. **Amount Put to Tender (Rs. in Lakhs): 178.69, EMD Amount (in Rs.): 2,68,500/-**
5	Providing Outsourcing Drivers to GBA and BCCC LMV Vehicles for the year 2026-27. **Amount Put to Tender (in Rs.): 98,22,514/-, EMD Amount (in Rs.): 2,00,000/-**
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Calendar of Events: 1) RFP Document may be downloaded from the GOK Karnataka Public Procurement Portal Website: **https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in from 23-01-2026 onwards. 2)** Last Date for Receipt of Queries is **28-01-2026 upto 15.00 Hours through KPP Portal. 3)** Pre Bid Meeting will be held on **29-01-2026 at 15.00 Hours in the Office of the Chief Engineer (Zone-2), BCCC. 4)** Last Date for Submission of Proposals: **03-02-2026 upto 16.00 Hours. 5)** Date of Opening of Technical Proposals: **04-02-2026 after 16.30 Hours.** Further details can be had from the above office.

Sd/- Executive Engineer, MPED & Transport, BCCC.

Government of Karnataka
RURAL DRINKING WATER & SANITATION DIVISION, BIDAR

Ref:EE/RDWSD/Bidar/Tender/Lab/2025-26/1731 Date: 21.01.2026

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On behalf of the Governor of Karnataka, The Executive Engineer RDWS & S Division Bidar invites Tenders from eligible bidders (Manpower Agencies) for the works-Providing Services of manpower for Division office, Sub-division office, District Lab & Taluka Labs staff on outsource basis of **Rs.120.00 lakhs & for 12 months** (01 year) for the year 2025-26 through KPPP platform (https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in/)only. The KTPP Act shall be followed.

TIME SCHEDULE :1) Notification Date and Download of tender schedule documents through kppp portal:**22.01.2026 to 31.01.2026,** 2)Last date for submission of bids **31.01.2026 Time: 05.00 PM,** 3) Date & Time of Technical bid opening **02.02.2026 Time: 11.00 AM,** 4) Date & Time of Financial bid opening After Technical bid Approval For details of works and conditions, please contact this office in office hours or visit website https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in where the details are available.

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INVITATION FOR TENDER
Tender Notice No. 39 Year 2025-26

Sr No.	Name of wok	Estimated Cost
1	Construction of 900 Bedded District Civil, and Super specialty Hospital, Building Nursing Training Centre and Hostel Building at Civil Hospital Complex, Thane, Tal. Dist. Thane (Providing, Supplying and Fixing Furniture)	51,10,74,361.00

1. Period of E-tenders : Date. 20/01/2026 to Date. 04/02/2026
2. Pre bid conference Date and Place : Date. 27/01/2026 at 12.00 hrs the office of the Chief Engineer, Public Works (Konkan) Region, Konkan, Mumbai
3. Date of Opening (If Possible) : Date. 05/02/2026 at 14.00 hrs the office of the Superintending Engineer Thane (PW) Circle, Thane

1. Tender form Condition of Contract Specification and Contract drawing can be downloaded from e-tendering portal of public work Department of Maharashtra i.e. **https//mahatenders.gov.in**
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I, Sri. N S Roy, R/a No.32, Sri Hari Kripa, 11th Cross, Esther Enclave, Jayanthi Nagar Extn, Horamavu, Bangalore-560043 have changed my minor son's name from N. R. Ayaan to N. R. Ayaan Achaiah vide affidavit dt: 21.01.2026 sworn before Notary Y.R.Chandrasekar, B'lore.

I, Sri. N S Roy, R/a No.32, Sri Hari Kripa, 11th Cross, Esther Enclave, Jayanthi Nagar Extn, Horamavu, Bangalore-560043 have changed my minor daughter's name from N. R. Thanvi to N. R. Thanvi Thangamma, vide affidavit dt: 22.01.2026 sworn before Notary Y.R.Chandrasekar, B'lore.

I, AFROZ Pasha Alla Bakash S/o Alla Bakash, R/a Ward No.4, Behind Old Vani School, Tank Bunk Road, Chintamani, Chikkaballapur, Karnataka-563125 have changed my name to Afroz Pasha vide affidavit dt: 23.01.2026 sworn before Notary Ramachandrappa.C, B'luru.

I, M. Mallikarjuna, F/o Om Swaroop Sai, R/at #303, B SLS Spring Woods, Harlur Main Road, Bangalore-560102, have changed my minor son's name from Om Swaroop Sai to M Om Swaroop Sai vide affidavit dated 23-01-2026 sworn before Notary K.V. Mani, Bengaluru.

I, NEETHA Tirmal Habib, D.O.B. 18/06/1978, D/o Narayan Rao Tirmal and W/o Amarnath Habib, residing in Flat No. 204, 'C' Block Veracious Sonesta Apartment K R Garden Murgesh Palya Bengaluru-560 017, Have Changed My Name to Neetha Tirmal. Vide Affidavit Dated 21.01.2026 before Notary A.R. Muneer Ahmed. Bengaluru

I, ARMY No. JC-307669N, Rank: Subedar/Honarary Captain, Name: K. Rajendra Murthy, R/at No.20, New Sait Lane, Near Marikuppam Railway Station, Marikuppan Post, K G F-563119, Karnataka, my wife's correct and actual name is P. Valarmathi instead of Valar Mathi.P. vide affidavit dated 23-01-2026 sworn before Notary Thangaraj.S, K G F.

We, A Micheal and M Sunitha, r/at No.12, Ramachandrappa Garden, Barathinagar, Doddigunta, Cox Town, Katteriamman Street, Fraser Town Post, Bengaluru 560005 hereby state that in our daughter Jerusha Margrat M school / Official records parents name is mentioned as Micheal A instead of A Micheal and Sunitha Micheal instead of M Sunitha vide affidavit dtd 13.01.2026 sworn before Notary Uday Kumar K, Bluru

PERSONAL

CHANGE OF NAME

I, SYED Ahamed S/o Syed Afiz Sab, R/o 3rd Block, Kaiwara, Chikkaballapur Dist-563218 have changed my name to Syed Ahmad vide affidavit dt: 23.12.2025 sworn before Notary Ramachandrappa.C, B'luru

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File No.RC2/2035/2023/GA
Dated: 24.01.2026

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At four, I watched Kosteniuk become World champion; I felt I needed that crown

The youngest woman to claim the World Blitz Championship, Bibisara Assaubayeva has ambitions of winning the prestigious classical title. In this chat, she talks about her beginnings in chess, what achieving the GM title meant to her, why she enjoys playing in India, what she thinks of D. Gukesh and Arjun Erigaisi, and where Kazakhstan chess is headed

> Arjun Erigaisi and I are friends. He is a nice guy, and I like playing with him in Bughouse chess. He is an amazing partner

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INTERVIEW

Bibisara Assaubayeva

P.K. Ajith Kumar

As a little girl learning chess from her grandfather, Bibisara Assaubayeva would always cry whenever her opponent captured her queen on the board. It is not easy to take her queen easily these days. And she is now the queen of the fastest format in chess. In Doha last month, she won her third World Blitz Championship in five years. In 2021, when she won her first World blitz title, she was also the runner-up in the World Rapid Championship. She was just 17 then. Last year, Assaubayeva became a Grandmaster, only the 43rd woman in history to earn the most coveted title in chess. Excerpts from an interview she gave *The Hindu* in Mumbai, where she played for American Gambits in the Global Chess League:

This was your second GCL.

I like this tournament. It is a league you can enjoy playing. And it is really nice to play before so many chess fans. I like this format. It is very interesting. Every opponent is very strong and the team is mixed; apart from the world's top male players, we have strong female and junior players. Last year's league was in London. It is great that this edition came to India. I like to play in India. Here a lot of people like chess, and it is amazing. I think across the world, chess is most popular in India. You see a lot of children playing chess here. And you can feel the excitement.

> The GM title means a lot to me, I was getting a bit tired being just an IM

When did you first play in India?

My first tournament in India was the World Junior Championship in New Delhi. It was in 2019, I was 15 then. Then I played the Chess Olympiad in Chennai, in 2022. My last tournament in India was the FIDE Women's Grand Prix in 2023.

How do you look back at finishing second in the women's event in the last Olympiad at Budapest? Not many expected to see Kazakhstan in the runner-up position.

We actually had a chance to be the champion. In the final round, I won on the first board in our match against the United States. And if we had some draws, we could have finished first. Unfortunately, at some important moments, one of the girls lost a game, but we also had a good match against India. But, okay, India [which went on to win the gold] is a strong team and I am happy that finally we took some medals from the Olympiad.

Kazakhstan had started as the 10th seed.

Our team is still young and very strong. And we have a good future. In our team, I am now the oldest one, but I am only 21. We will try to win the gold at the next Olympiad. But it could be tough, though we don't know for sure if Russia will play in it. And we don't know if China will be fielding their best team. If China comes with their strongest players, it will be impossible to take the gold. But somehow China doesn't send their best teams for the Olympiad, maybe because they have won so many medals from the previous events.

How much did completing the Grandmaster title mean to you?

I completed my GM title at the Sharjah Masters in May. I felt really good because now there was no pressure of having to score that final norm. I got my first norm when I was 17 and the second when I was 19. I was missing the final norm, getting close to it on several occasions. Finally I got my norm and also crossed the other requirement of crossing the 2500 Elo rating during the Sharjah Masters. The GM title means a lot to me, I was getting a bit tired being just an IM [International Master]. Even now, we have only two women in Kazakhstan with GM titles.

You still hold the record of being the youngest women's World blitz champion. That year, 2021, you were runner-up to Alexandra Kosteniuk, who won the World rapid title. You have spoken of how watching Kosteniuk becoming World champion in 2008, when you were little, inspired you.

I had watched on television Kosteniuk being crowned the World champion by the then FIDE president [Kirsan Ilyumzhinov]. I felt I also needed that crown. I was four years old then. And that was how I became a chess player. I have played with Kosteniuk several times. I haven't told her directly how her winning the World Championship inspired me, but I think she maybe knows it. Winning my first World Blitz Championship was really special. I had won age-group events before, but it felt really, really good, because it was my first big achievement at the senior level. Then I met our President for the first time, so it was amazing. And I felt happy when I defended my title in my home country.

Now the classical World Championship must be a goal?

Yes, and I also want to increase my rating.

How competitive is women's chess at the moment, with World No. 1 Hou Yifan playing very rarely?

It is always tough at the top level. We have a lot of strong players. In men's chess, yes it may be tougher, but in the women's game, too, there are a lot of strong players. Even older players, like Koneru Humpy and Kosteniuk, are still strong.

India has a bunch of strong young male players.

I don't know D. Gukesh well, but we talked a little bit in Mumbai during the GCL, and he is a very nice person. I think it is important to be good, even if your achievements are something big, and his achievements are amazing; he is the youngest World champion ever. I think he is very disciplined, and he doesn't show a lot of emotions, and that is very important in chess. I don't know R. Praggnanandhaa well, but I know his sister Vaishali and she is nice. Arjun Erigaisi and I are friends. And he is a nice guy. I like playing with him in Bughouse chess [a variant, played by two two-member teams on two boards], and he is an amazing partner.

What are your earliest memories of chess?

I remember how I went to my grandfather and told him, 'Please teach me chess'. I would always cry when my opponents captured my queen.

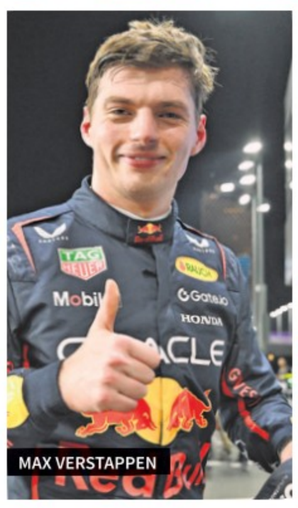
GAME THEORY

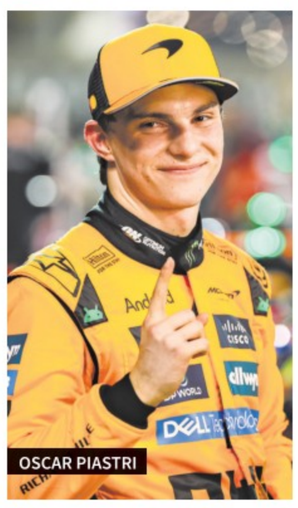
F1's best: consistent winners and pole converters

As the world of Formula One prepares for a new season — the teams are participating in private shakedown events ahead of testing — we list the sport's most successful drivers in two less-commonly-cited performance categories:

MOST CONSECUTIVE SEASONS WITH AT LEAST ONE WIN

Driver	Seasons	Total
Michael Schumacher	1992–2006	15
Lewis Hamilton	2007–2021	15
Alain Prost	1981–1990	10
Max Verstappen	2016–2025 (ongoing)	10
Ayrton Senna	1985–1993	9
Nelson Piquet	1980–1987	8
Stirling Moss	1955–1961	7
Jim Clark	1962–1968	7
David Coulthard	1997–2003	7
Jackie Stewart	1968–1973	6
Sebastian Vettel	2008–2013	6





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Emerson Fittipaldi	6	4	66.67%
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Fernando Alonso	22	14	63.64%
Jenson Button	8	5	62.50%
Michael Schumacher	68	40	58.82%
Lewis Hamilton	104	61	58.65%
Alain Prost	33	18	54.55%
Sebastian Vettel	57	31	54.39%

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Mid-air scuffle

American football — or football in the US and Canada, and gridiron in other English-speaking countries — is a hybrid of association football and rugby.

And so it's no surprise that it's often derided by football and rugby fans as 'derivative'.

But even harsh critics of the sport can't deny the bone-crunching physicality and airborne athleticism that gridiron can showcase.

Both these facets are often evident in tackles and touchdowns, especially when a tackle thwarts a touchdown, as is the case in this photograph from this month's NFL Wild Card game.

The touchdown is a means of scoring by advancing the ball into the opposition's end zone; the tackle is employed to disrupt the progress of a player with the ball. So it's only natural that these two actions are frequently in opposition.

The term 'tackle' reportedly comes from '*tacken*' in Middle Dutch, the word for 'grab' or 'handle'. Its usage in American football can be traced back to rugby, which originated earlier. Strict, detailed rules govern the tackle because of the possibility of serious injury.

High Court allows bike taxis in State

Authorities directed to register two-wheelers as 'transport vehicles' and grant 'contract carriage' permits as per law to operate them as bike taxis

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Declaring that the blanket ban imposed by the State government on the use of two-wheelers as bike taxis is contrary to the provisions of the Motor Vehicles (MV) Act, the High Court of Karnataka on Friday directed the State transport authorities to register two-wheelers as "transport vehicles" and grant "contract carriage" permits as per the law to operate them as bike taxis.

"When the MV Act expressly contemplates the inclusion of two-wheelers as 'transport vehicles', plainly, it would not be open for the State government to exclude them from registration as 'transport vehicles'," the Court ruled.

A Division Bench comprising Chief Justice Vibhu Bakhru and Justice C.M. Joshi delivered the judgment while setting aside the April 2, 2025, verdict of a single Judge, who had refused to issue directions to the State transport authorities to register two-wheelers as transport vehicles, and had directed withdrawal of bike taxi services offered through the platforms of the transport aggregators till the government framed rules for operation of bike taxis.

The Bench passed the order while allowing the appeals filed by transport technology aggregators – Uber India Systems Private Limited, Roppen Transportation Services Private Limited, which operates Rapido services, and ANI Technology Private Limited, which operates Ola services, and Bike Taxi Owners' Welfare Association, and Varikruti Mahendra Reddy and other individual bike taxi owners. Rejecting the government's claim, the Bench said the licence to operate even the bike taxis can be granted under the existing Karnataka On-Demand Transport Technology Aggregator (KODTTA) Rules, 2016, as the definition of "taxi" under the KODTTA Rules includes a "motorcab" and its definition under Section 2(25) of the MV Act include a motor cycle or a two-wheeler.

The appellants had challenged the April 2, 2025 judgment of a single judge, who had restrained Rapido, Ola, and Uber from operating their bike taxi services. FILE PHOTO

However, the Bench declined to accept the contention of the aggregators that they can offer bike taxi services through their platform based on the licence that they have already obtained for four-wheeler taxis under the KODTTA Rules even though the list of two-wheelers to be offered as bike taxis are not part of their existing licences.

Since taxis include motorcycles, an aggregator is also entitled to operate as an aggregator for bike taxi services but they have to furnish details of the two-wheelers for incorporation in their license under the KODTTA Rules, the Bench said. The aggregators can include details of different types of taxis - two, three and four wheelers - in the same application for grant of licence or can file separate applications for different classes of motor vehicles on boarded as KODTTA Rules do not contain any such restriction, the Bench said while directing the authorities to act on their pending or fresh applications to operate bike taxis.

Though State government claimed it is its 'policy decision' not to allow bike taxis, the Bench pointed out that "there is no statement of policy prohibiting the use of motorcycles as taxis' but "there is an understanding not to grant permits to motorcycles and, by an unwritten edict, to prohibit their use as taxis in the State of Karnataka".

Meanwhile, the Bench said that the State government now cannot contend that a motorcycle is not a 'transport vehicle' and that it falls outside the definition of 'contract carriage' as the latter had come out with the Karnataka Electric Bike Taxi Scheme in 2021 clearly recognising the amendments to made by the Central government to the MV Act, enabling the States to introduce bike taxis in urban areas, and had registered e-bikes as transport vehicles.

The e-bike scheme was introduced as an affordable first-and last-mile connectivity after noticing a gap for the first mile and the last mile connectivity, the Bench noted.

Can impose conditions

Though the Regional Transport Authority (RTA) has the power to refuse a grant of permit to a particular vehicle under Section 74(1) of the MV Act, the said power must not ordinarily be exercised and sans recording reasons in writing, the Bench said.

While making it clear that the RTA is fully empowered to impose the conditions for contract carriage permit as stipulated in Section 74 of the MV Act, the Bench made it clear that the power to restrict or limit the number of contract carriages under MV Act "generally or of any specific type" vests with the Central government.

Accessible details

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Since display boards containing details of permit and the drivers cannot be displayed inside in two-wheelers unlike in four and three-wheelers, the Bench said that bike taxi shall display the vehicle permit as well as the driver's details, including his photograph, name, driving licence, badge particulars, and ID card issued by the police authorities, in such a way that they are accessible to the passenger.

Aggregators, riders and commuters welcome HC order

Darshan Devaiah B.P.
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The Karnataka High Court's order on Friday permitting the operation of bike taxis in the State has been welcomed by major aggregators as well as riders and commuters who depend on bike taxis.

"We welcome the High Court's decision to recognise bike taxis as a legal mode of passenger transport in Karnataka. Bike taxis serve as a vital mobility lifeline for Indian cities, offering people an affordable and convenient way to navigate traffic. The decision will also bring relief to lakhs of drivers who depend on it for their livelihood. We look forward to engaging with the State government on operationalising this mobility ecosystem and serving the mobility needs of our cities across the spectrum," an Uber spokesperson said.

Rapido described the order as a milestone for urban mobility and livelihoods in Karnataka. "We thank the High Court for this progressive decision and extend our gratitude to all stakeholders who have supported this journey. It is a win for the people of Karnataka, who now have access to a safe, affordable and efficient commuting option that complements the State's mobility needs while creating meaningful livelihood opportunities for thousands of youth," a Rapido spokesperson said. Ola, another aggregator, said that this decision would help scale up last-mile connectivity.

Bike taxi riders say the order offers the long-awaited relief. FILE PHOTO

Minister for Transport Ramalinga Reddy told *The Hindu* that he would go through the judgment before responding to the order.

Bike taxi riders said the order offers the long-awaited relief. "For many of us, bike taxis are our primary source of income. With this clarity from the court, we finally feel some stability and hope that the government will now frame clear rules," said Shankar B., a bike taxi rider from J.P. Nagar in Bengaluru.

Regular users have welcomed the move. "Bike taxis save me at least 30 minutes every day during peak traffic. They are affordable and reliable. I am glad the service can continue legally. I hope this order ensures resumption of bike taxi operations without any hurdle," said Prithvam K., a software professional who uses bike taxis for his daily commute from BTM Layout to Bellandur.

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India to become third largest space-tech economy by 2030: Report

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India's space economy, currently estimated at $13 billion, is set to touch $40 billion by 2030, according to the recent India Spacetech-2026 report by early-stage venture capital (VC) firm, Arkam Ventures.

Titled 'India's Space Odyssey', the report forecasts the sector to grow at twice the pace of the global market and that structural shifts in India's spacetech ecosystem will propel it to the world's third-largest space-tech economy by 2030. The growth will be fuelled by cost-efficient engineering, deep manufacturing capabilities and a new generation of start-ups building advanced space technologies for customers worldwide, it noted.

Over the past five years, more than 300 space-tech start-ups have emerged in India, in areas such as satellite manufacturing, earth observation, launch vehicles, and in-space solutions. "More than two-thirds of the historical capital flows in the Indian spacetech sector have come in the last five years, post the space policy being formulated. We expect $3 billion to $5 billion of private capital flows in the sector over the next couple of years to fund cutting edge space innovations." the report read. According to the VC, this momentum is built on ISRO's legacy of low-cost, high-impact missions and its active support for private innovation.

"India is uniquely positioned to lead the global spacetech sector fuelled by the unique ecosystem development role played by the ISRO and the support from the government. Over the next five years, we expect $3billion to $3.5 billion of the VC and Private Equity investments in the sector," said Rahul Chandra, managing director, Arkam Ventures.

Transport stakeholders divided over bike taxi services after court order

Darshan Devaiah B.P.
BENGALURU

The order of the Karnataka High Court allowing the operation of bike taxi services in the State has triggered a strong reaction from multiple transport stakeholders, while bike taxi riders have welcomed the move, traditional transport operators fear a significant impact on their earnings. Meanwhile, autorickshaw unions, transport federations and app-based workers' groups have flagged concerns related to safety, legality and livelihood.

The autorickshaw drivers, who have long opposed the entry of bike taxis, argue that the bike taxi poses both an economic threat and a safety risk to commuters. They said the expansion of bike taxi services could divert passengers away from autorickshaws and taxis, affecting daily incomes. The Auto Rickshaw Drivers' Union general secretary T.M. Rudramurthy said, "Allowing bike taxis will go against the interests of auto and taxi drivers as our earnings will be affected. This will push many of us into financial hardship," he said.

Drivers have also alleged that several bike taxis operate illegally and compromise passenger safety. Prakash H., an auto driver from Jayanagar, pointed out that nearly two lakh autorickshaws operate on city roads and that lakhs of families depend on this profession. He argued that permitting white-board motorcycles to operate as bike taxis would make it easier for unregulated and unsafe operators to enter the market.

Safety issues

Concerns were also raised by the Federation of Karnataka State Private Transport Associations, which questioned whether personal two-wheelers should be allowed to function as bike taxis in the absence of a formal government policy. The federation president S. Nataraj Sharma said the issues related to safety and hygiene also need to be addressed and it remains to be seen how the government intends to regulate these aspects."

The Karnataka App-based Workers' Union highlighted similar concerns, particularly regarding the use of personal number plates. Inayath Ali, president of the union and vice-president of the Indian Federation of App-based Workers', urged the Transport Department to make it mandatory for bike taxi aggregators such as Rapido, Ola and Uber to ensure that all riders register their vehicles as commercial vehicles with yellow number plates.

"All other taxi services, including autos and cabs, follow this norm. Bike taxis should not be treated differently," he said.

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29°C The weather will be dry. Day will be slight warm. Night will be cool and hazy. Dry weather to prevail.

Bengaluru Tomorrow
28°C Morning will be cool with mist and haze. Day will be comfortable. Night also will be cool. Dry weather to occur.

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Pursue cost control, austerity: Narayana Murthy to entrepreneurs

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

"If you want to build an organisation with strong values and protect the dignity of every employee, you as a leader have to walk the talk. Values, discipline, strong leadership, and compassionate capitalism will take society forward," said N.R. Narayana Murthy, founder of Infosys, exhorting entrepreneurs to pursue cost control and austerity while running organisations.

He was speaking at a fireside chat at IIM-Bangalore, with Balakrishnan Mahadevan, a Post Doctoral Fellow at the institute. The chat was part of the launch of the book, 'Designing Change: My Journey Through Digital Payments Transformation', authored by Mr. Mahadevan and was hosted by the Center for Digital Public Goods. Mr. Murthy spoke about the importance of documenting India's digital payment journey as a technology success as well as a story of institution building.

N.R. Narayana Murthy at a fireside chat at IIM-Bangalore on Friday. SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

"Till now, India has been following an oral tradition for documentation of organisational progress. But the way institutions are built, the sacrifices, challenges, and constraints involved, the foibles of leaders, the complexity of working in teams, how working on the leading edge of technology is, and how contributions to society are made, are valuable information. All these will add to the compendium of institutional memory, and the foundations of India's progress will rest on such key knowledge and information by modern authors," said Mr. Murthy, who has also written the foreword to the book.

Formidable founders

He also spoke on how the founding teams of institutions such as RBI, NPCI, and the Indian Banks' Association contributed to building institutions that earned trust and endured over time.

"RBI has been a catalytic, kind, wise, and eternal enabler. It has made UPI a public good by making it less expensive and more accessible for users, thereby earning the trust of the common man," he said.

BUSINESS CONNECT

A Business Initiative

Sri Sai Gold Palace inaugurates its 8th branch on Kanakapura road, Bengaluru

Sri Sai Gold Palace, a prominent jewellery brand in Bengaluru, has inaugurated its 8th showroom at Raghavanahalli on Kanakapura Road. The grand opening was led by Union Minister H.D. Kumaraswamy, Union Minister Shobha Karandlaje, brand owner T.A. Sharavana, and Bigg Boss winner Gilli Nataraj. Addressing the gathering, Shri H.D. Kumaraswamy praised the brand's growth, its foundation of trust and service, and highlighted that Sri Sai Gold Palace now operates eight showrooms across Bengaluru, employing over 500 people. On the occassion, owner T.A. Sharavana said the new Kanakapura Road branch was opened to improve customer convenience, especially for residents of Kanakapura Road and nearby areas like Mandya, Channapatna, and Ramanagara. To mark the inauguration, special offers are available until February 10, including discounts on gold, silver, and diamond jewellery, along with no making charges for select customers. The showroom features a wide range of traditional, temple, and contemporary jewellery designs. The event was attended by several Bigg Boss celebrities, including Gilli Nataraj and other contestants, along with dignitaries and guests.

3rd Global Autism Convention to be held at St. John's Medical College Hospital, Bengaluru

The 3rd Global Autism Convention (GAC 2026) will be held in Bengaluru from January 21 to 25, 2026, hosted by the Child and Adolescent Psychiatry Unit and CARE-ADD at St. John's Medical College Hospital, in collaboration with The Association for Severe Handicaps and Autism (ASHA), the Spastics Society of Karnataka, Shristi Special Academy, the Autism Society of India, ALFAA - Assisted Living for Autistic Adults, and Bubbles Center for Autism, along with other national and international collaborators. The four-and-a-half-day convention will bring together over 600 delegates from India and more than 10 countries, including clinicians, educators, therapists, policymakers, parents, and autistic self-advocates, with around 150 resource persons participating. GAC 2026 aims to promote collaboration, share best practices, and develop practical solutions for inclusive care and education across the lifespan. The multidisciplinary programme will feature keynote lectures, plenary sessions, workshops, and panel discussions covering early identification, inclusive education, mental health, family support, and policy development. Organized with leading autism-focused institutions and organizations, the convention seeks to strengthen networks in low- and middle-income countries, inform policy, and improve education, training, employment opportunities, and support systems for individuals on the autism spectrum.

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The making of a studiolo

AFTA offers the rare luxury of meeting art without rushing past it

COVER

Anisha Menezes

Chennai has a studiolo (little studio). This is none other than Avtar Foundation for the Arts (AFTA), in MRC Nagar. The building also features a café. Founded by Jaiveer Johal, the foundation is named after his mother, Avtar Johal. This is not an art gallery; it is a "space for curiosity and conversation, somewhere between a reading room and a studio," elucidates Johal.

While art galleries mean pristine white walls, shorn of furniture, and spaces that meander from one hall to the next, AFTA feels both intimate and inviting. It is essentially an apartment that lends itself to art, by opening up walls, covering up a few windows, and letting art take centerstage in a neutral setting. As you climb three flights of ochre-tinted stairs, you arrive at the office/art space/studiolo.

AFTA currently houses an exhibition titled *Home*, an homage to the sense of belonging – whether a home, city, continent, a feeling, or a sense of meaning in the universe. The space was carefully calibrated so you could pull up a chair in the centre of the room and be witness to the enviable *objet d'art* all around.

Stories in shelves

Each piece of furniture has been carefully curated. "They have been bought because they are individually beautiful but not specifically for this space," says the art collector, who has an expansive collection of contemporary and modern South Asian art. Each comes with an interesting backstory. Rare books on artists and history jostle for space on tall ebony shelves from Kolkata. Books on S.H. Raza, V.S. Gaitonde and M.F. Hussain share space with books on the Cholas, Bombay Deco and Art Deco.

Jaiveer Johal

One of the tall shelves used to belong to the Indian Museum (the oldest museum of the country, founded in 1814). There are all manner of local vases, vessels and lamps in bronze and brass, interspersed in different recesses, two bright *dhrishti bommai* masks (to ward off the evil eye), ceramic sea creatures, and the stunning AFTA symbol, in a dull brass finish, where its letters deftly form a tall *gopuram*, an ode to Tamil architecture.

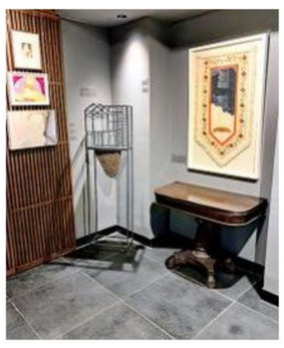
The black, undulating *kadappa* tiles are cool to the touch if you choose to leave your footwear outside. "This offers texture, instead of a slick floor," shares Johal. The walls, some painted grey and others covered by Bison (composite cement) boards, offer a muted canvas for the art. Just beyond the large central space "there is room for storage, and maybe one day we could even open that up to display how art is stored. Of course, we would open a wall if we need space for display", says Johal. The fluted glass sliding doors deftly do their job of opening up the room or keeping the attention within the main viewing area.

Design legacy

An eclectic selection of furniture sits within the space, each carefully picked through the years. The desk is a childhood heirloom, a Pierre Jeanneret piece made of teak with a storage area on one end and the Swiss architect's classic cross design on the other.

Views of the studiolo

The mustard-ochre leather chair that sits behind the table is another Jeannret classic, modelled on the original cane and Burmese teak chair, designed with the iconic V-shaped legs (inspired by an architect's drafting compass). The basic cane version of the V-leg chair was never particularly comfortable, so Jeanneret designed a padded leather version, of which very few remain today. This one at AFTA is a prized possession.



A Victorian rosewood card table at the far end of the room immediately draws your attention. A rattan bench designed by Johal and crafted by a local carpenter is next to it, but it can be pulled to the centre to offer additional seating. The central space is flexible, with a late Art Deco table between two (Dutch designer) Arne Vodder elbow chairs, offering comfortable seating on a crimson rug. "We would like to use this as a performance space as well, surrounded by the art, once we figure out the acoustics," says the founder.

With the first show (as well as future ones), carefully curated works from Johal's enviable collection will be on view in the city. "We are privileged in that we can show any kind of art in Chennai and there is an audience," says Johal, who hosted students from the Government College of Fine Arts and KC High International School last year. "If we have a traditional art exhibition, we may put a day bed to go with the theme of the art on display," he muses.

He is looking at a maximum of four shows a year, with wholesome breaks in between. "Once students start coming in, we hope the footfall increases. We are trying to do something that is meaningful, not necessarily Instagrammable," concludes Johal.

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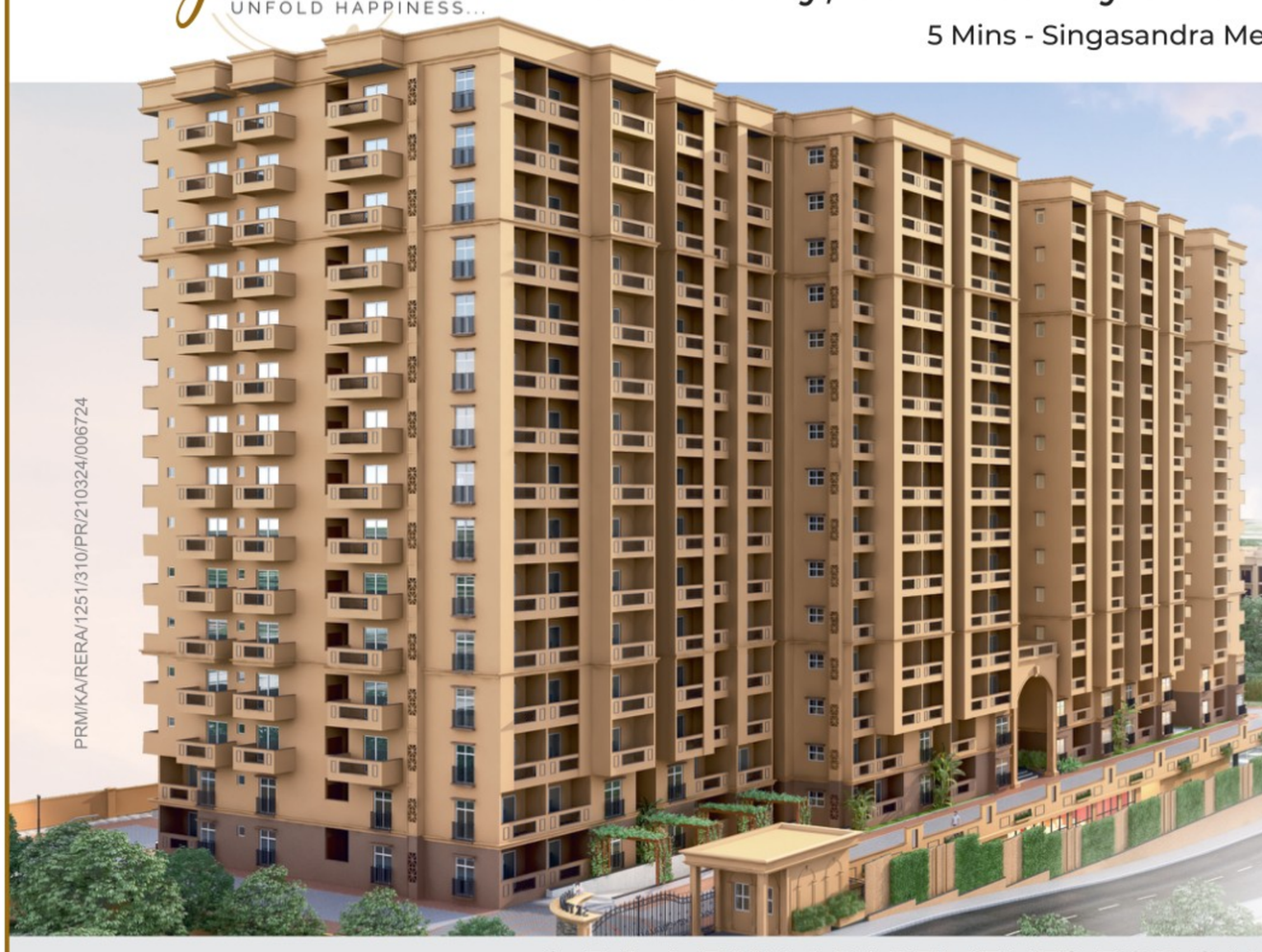

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Corporations' first separate budgets to focus on parks, lakes, welfare funds

This year, officials plan to set aside nearly 15% to 20% of funds for welfare from the start of the budgeting process

Rishita Khanna
BENGALURU

As Bengaluru's civic administration moves to a five-corporation structure, each of the city's newly formed corporations has begun preparing its own budget and inviting public suggestions, while the Greater Bengaluru Authority (GBA) will present a separate budget. This is the first time budgets are being drawn up separately for individual corporations, alongside a city-level authority.

The proposed budget outlay for each corporation is expected to be in the range of ₹1,300 crore to ₹1,500 crore, and higher for East and North corporations, officials said.

The budget, GBA officials said, would flag projects to be taken up through municipal bonds.

North Corporation Commissioner Pommala Sunil Kumar says sanitation will form a major component of the budget. FILE PHOTO

"Municipal bonds allow urban local bodies to raise long-term funds directly from the market for capital-intensive infrastructure works such as roads, drains, parks, and lakes. Unlike routine budgetary spending, bond financing requires corporations to identify stable revenue sources for repayment, such as property tax or user charges, and to maintain stronger financial discipline. Outlining bond-funded projects in the budget marks a shift from complete dependence on State grants and towards more structured, market-linked financing," a senior official said. North Corporation Commissioner Pommala Sunil Kumar said the corporation's budget would focus on improving parks, lakes and footpaths. He said all parks would be provided with toilets and that existing gym equipment would be properly maintained. Revenue models such as paid parking are also being expanded at a larger scale to support upkeep and recurring expenses.

Sanitation would form a major component of the budget, Mr. Kumar said, adding that the corporation plans to improve garbage processing and packaging and introduce a mix of low-capacity and high-capacity machinery, depending on ward-level requirements.

A senior GBA official told *The Hindu* that 'welfare spending' would be given higher priority across all corporations this year. Typically, about 25% of municipal funds go towards statutory deductions such as salaries, pensions, and other mandatory payments. Around 60% is usually spent on civic works and service delivery, with the remaining amount kept for emergencies. This year, however, officials plan to set aside nearly 15% to 20% of funds for welfare from the start of the budgeting process.

"These allocations will include funds for Scheduled Castes, Scheduled Tribes and backward classes and will largely be directed towards *pourakarmikas* and other civic workers," the official said, adding that the aim is to ensure that welfare spending is built into the budget.

Highlighting how the GBA budget will be different from those of the individual corporations, a senior GBA official said the authority's budget would not list specific projects and would largely remain an expenditure statement, with all project-related activities being routed through corporation-level funding.

OCI quota rules amended

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

The State government has amended the Karnataka Educational Institutions (Prohibition of Capitation Fee) Act, 1984 (Karnataka act 37 of 1984), for admission to government seats in professional educational institutions rules, 2006, and announced the gazette notification draft rules specifying the quotas for Overseas Citizen of India (OCI) in medical education. As per the draft, Overseas Citizen of India born on or before March 4, 2021 or being an OCI card holder before the said date will not be entitled for any reservation applicable to a citizen of India. Meanwhile, the OCI candidates born on or after March 5, 2021 or being an OCI card holder after the date are eligible for admission only against any Non-Resident Indian (NRI) seat or any supernumerary seat.

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Issues related to beneficiary verification, eligibility norms, and the fluctuating number of affected families have emerged as major loopholes. FILE PHOTO

Another survey likely as families remain homeless in Kogilu

Rishita Khanna
BENGALURU

The survey conducted earlier to assess families affected by the demolition drive in parts of Fakeer Colony and Waseem Layout in Kogilu, Yelahanka, may not be taken into account, with officials in the housing corporation and revenue department indicating that a fresh resurvey is likely.

The development has added to the uncertainty faced by displaced families, who have been homeless since December 20, despite assurances given by the Minority Welfare and Housing Minister, B. Z. Zameer Ahmed Khan, that houses would be provided on January 2. The Housing Minister remained unavailable for a comment.

The affected families, however, said that these surveys are just a way to delay the process and cut down the number of beneficiaries. They added that they would start a campaign to demand clear confirmation on housing allotments by Republic Day.

Issues related to beneficiary verification, eligibility norms, and the fluctuating number of affected families have emerged as major loopholes. When *The Hindu* visited the site a month after the demolition, residents pointed out that several families from other settlements and work sites had begun staying in the area after learning that housing benefits were being extended to those displaced.

The State government has proposed to allot flats under the Chief Minister's One Lakh Housing Scheme to the evicted families. However, meeting all of the scheme's eligibility requirements was termed impractical by the families. Several of them claimed that not all residents were properly verified during earlier surveys and expressed fear that some genuine claimants may be excluded from the final list. They also questioned Urban Development Minister Byrathi Suresh's recent statement that only 90 families were found eligible, asking on what basis this figure was determined.

Displaced families have also demanded transparency on eligibility criteria, arguing that authorities must explain the requirements clearly and offer alternatives where families fall short on any one condition. "While most residents here possess Aadhaar cards and ration cards, several families have lost their documents during the demolition. In such cases, electricity bills, service records, or other official proofs of residence can be accepted," Daulat Abdullah, a resident, said.

Residents also pointed to the cancellations of ration cards, saying these were revoked due to 'irregular lifting' of rations from the area. "In many cases, rations were never issued at all as the settlement was not recognised for public distribution, leaving a few families penalised for administrative lapses beyond," Ismail Mohammed, another resident, said.

The number of families affected by the demolition has swung sharply across surveys. The most recent count has reduced the number to 242 families. However, officials from the revenue department said that as per the primary assessment, all 242 families may not be able to qualify, as the scheme mandates multiple conditions, including a minimum five-year domicile in Bengaluru.

Opposition stages dharna, seeks Excise Minister's resignation

Congress accused of raising resources through irregularities to fund Assembly elections in Assam, Kerala, and Tamil Nadu

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

A stalemate gripped the Legislative Assembly on Friday as the Opposition members resorted to a dharna demanding the resignation of Excise Minister R.B. Thimmapur over the allegations of large-scale irregularities in his department.

Declaring that they would not end their dharna till the Minister quits, they accused the Congress dispensation of raising resources through irregularities in the Excise Department to fund the Assembly elections in Assam, Kerala and Tamil Nadu.

Leader of the Opposition in the Assembly R. Ashok raised the issue in the House, claiming that corruption involving several crores of rupees had occurred in the Department. He demanded the immediate resignation of Mr. Thimmapur, who was present in the House.

BJP members raised slogans and sought a debate on the alleged corruption under an adjournment motion. Speaker U.T. Khader said the issue would be taken up for discussion under Rule 69 of the House.

Leader of the Opposition R. Ashok speaking in the Legislative Assembly on Friday.

Amid continued sloganeering by BJP members, the House was adjourned for lunch.

When the House re-assembled after lunch, the Opposition BJP members urged the Speaker to allow them to debate the issue. Not agreeing with Mr. Khader's suggestion that the debate could be taken up later, BJP member V. Sunil Kumar said the issue should be taken up immediately for discussion "because money is being raised by the Congress dispensation in Karnataka to fund the elections".

In a pen drive

This triggered a heated exchange of words between the ruling and the Opposition members, with Mr. Ashok displaying a pen drive, which he claimed contained all the details about corruption. He challenged the government to initiate action against him if the contents of the pen drive were not true.

Pointing out that a complaint against the Excise Minister had been filed before the Lokayukta regarding alleged corruption, Mr. Sunil Kumar said Chief Minister Siddaramaiah should seek Mr. Thimmapur's resignation.

The Speaker intervened to say that the Opposition members would be allowed to debate the issue later and the government would respond to it.

Not satisfied, Mr. Ashok said the Congress members had earlier insisted on resignation of BJP Ministers, including K. S. Eshwarappa, in the erstwhile regime in connection with various allegations even before ordering a probe or a legislature debate.

Speaker's plea

But the Speaker allowed Congress member A.S. Ponnanna to continue with the speech on motion of thanks to the Governor's address to the joint session, and told the Opposition members that they would be allowed to make their submissions later.

Angered Opposition members trouped into the well of the House and commenced a dharna. When his repeated pleas to withdraw the stir did not evoke any response, the Speaker adjourned the House for some time.

When Opposition members resumed their protest after the House re-assembled, the Speaker remarked that there was no instance of any Minister tendering resignation as soon as any protest was staged. He asked the protesting members to wait for the government to respond. When the Speaker asked Mr. Ponnanna to continue, the Opposition members intensified their vociferous protest, forcing him to adjourn the House till January 27.

'₹2,500-cr. scam'

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

Opposition BJP members in the Legislative Council on Friday targeted the Congress government over the alleged ₹2,500-crore excise "scam" and sought permission to discuss the issue under an adjournment motion.

Leader of the Opposition Chalavadi Narayanaswamy demanded action against Minister for Excise R.B. Thimmapur and said a complaint had already been submitted to the Lokayukta.

Chairman Basavaraj Horatti said the issue could be taken up for discussion under Rule 330, prompting protests from the Opposition benches, who insisted that the discussion be allowed under an adjournment motion.. The Chairman then adjourned the House to January 27.

Clash in House on ruckus during Governor's address continues

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

The ruling Congress and the Opposition Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) continued to trade accusations on Friday over the ruckus that erupted in the State legislature during Governor Thaawarchand Gehlot's truncated address to the joint session.

The BJP demanded the suspension of members involved in what it described as "disrespect to the Governor" and sought a resolution condemning the incident. The Congress demanded an apology from Mr. Gehlot to the citizens of the State and the Legislature for refusing to read the full text of the address prepared by the government and for "insulting" the national anthem by walking out immediately after the address.

Raising the issue as soon as the House met on Friday, Leader of the Opposition R. Ashok accused the government of showing disrespect to the head of the State by shouting slogans and gheraoing the Governor as he was leaving the House after the ceremonial address. He demanded the suspension of members involved in the unruly scenes and a unanimous resolution condemning Thursday's incident.

"Tomorrow, members may even attack the Governor. What will the government do then?" Mr. Ashok asked, urging Speaker U.T. Khader to announce his ruling, suspending Law and Parliamentary Affairs Minister H.K. Patil and other Congress members.

BJP members C.N. Ashwathnarayana, V. Sunil Kumar, and Suresh Gowda said protocol was not followed during the Governor's address, and questioned why members who protested against the Governor had not been suspended.

Responding to the allegations, Law and Parliamentary Affairs Minister H.K. Patil cited several court rulings and said that, as the custodian of the Constitution, the Governor could not evade his responsibilities. He said it was the duty of the State government to inform the Centre and the public about the injustice caused to Karnataka in the implementation of the new job scheme and the devolution of funds and grants.

The Speaker is expected to give his ruling on the matter next week.

Move to adopt resolution against Governor rejected

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

Legislative Council Chairman Basavaraj Horatti on Friday rejected the ruling party's move to adopt a resolution condemning the Governor's truncated address and abrupt exit from the joint session, while referring the Opposition's complaint on alleged misconduct during the Governor's exit to the Council's Ethics and Conduct Committee.

His rulings followed prolonged uproar and repeated adjournments as the stand-off between the ruling and Opposition benches over the Governor's conduct and the alleged misconduct of Congress members dominated proceedings.

After the Chair rejected the ruling party's plea, Congress member Puttanna submitted a written appeal seeking reconsideration. Following this, Mr. Horatti said he would examine "the pros and cons" of admitting the appeal.

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Congress suspends Rajeev Gowda

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BENGALURU

The Karnataka Congress on Friday suspended Rajeev Gowda after the party's disciplinary committee examined allegations against him.

An FIR has been registered against Mr. Gowda for allegedly issuing death threats to Shidlaghatta City Municipal Commissioner Amrutha Gowda.

The High Court of Karnataka had on Thursday asked the police why they did not invoke the more serious offence of "insulting modesty of a woman by word, gesture or act" against Mr. Gowda for using abusive language and threatening the CMC Commissioner.

Release pending grants to gram panchayats, Priyank urges Centre

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

Rural Development and Panchayat Raj Minister Priyank Kharge has written to Union Panchayat Raj Minister Rajiv Ranjan Singh requesting immediately release the pending 15th Finance Commission grants from the Union government for the gram panchayats of Karnataka.

Citing his previous letter sent on December 8, 2025, regarding the continuous delay, the Minister, in the letter, said that the Union government has been delaying the release of the grants for the financial year 2025-26, despite the State government's timely submission of grant transfer certificates and Gram Panchayat Development Plans.

"As the present term of gram panchayats is set to conclude by January-February 2026, the absence of funds has severely constrained their ability to undertake development works. Timely release of these grants is essential to sustain panchayat-level governance," he wrote.

Take steps to prevent forest fires: Minister

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

Environment Minister Eshwar Khandre has instructed forest officials to take all necessary precautionary measures to prevent forest fires.

Convening a meeting on Friday, he said that precautions should be taken to ensure that forest resources are not destroyed by forest fires.

He added that surveillance should be done through drone cameras, patrolling should be increased and personnel should be alert in sensitive areas. He instructed officials to ensure that the wildlife did not face shortage of food and drinking water during summer.

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Managing Director
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Janardhana Reddy's model house set on fire in Ballari

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The structure, built to showcase the layout to prospective buyers, was unoccupied at the time, the police said

Even as the January 1 banner-related clash in Ballari continues to simmer, unidentified men on Friday evening set fire to a model house located in a private residential layout on Bellary-Belagallu Road triggering fresh tension in the city. The incident occurred at a model house constructed inside G Square Layout, said to be owned by Gangavati MLA Gali Janardhana Reddy and his close associate B. Sriramulu. The structure, built to showcase the layout to prospective buyers, was unoccupied at the time, the police said. No injuries to human beings have been reported.

According to preliminary information, the fire broke out at around 6.30 p.m. Some local residents noticed flames engulfing the structure and made an attempt to catch those responsible but the suspects managed to flee, sources said. Reacting to the incident, the former MLA and Janardhana Reddy's brother, G. Somashekhar Reddy, said that Congress workers are behind the arson.

Speaking to reporters, he said that threats have been issued during the January 1 clash that property belonging to their family will be set on fire. "What was said then has now been carried out. This is a deliberate act of intimidation," he said.

Mr. Somashekhar Reddy said that the layout spreads across nearly 100 acres and that the model house was been constructed solely for demonstration purposes. "This is politically motivated. They [MLA Bharath Reddy] openly said that they will resort to arson and this incident proves it," he reiterated.

The police, however, said investigations are under way and cautioned against drawing conclusions at this stage. Ballari Superintendent of Police Suman D. Pennekar confirmed the incident. "Our team has visited the spot. Nothing is clear as of now. We are yet to receive a complaint," she told *The Hindu*. This act of arson comes at a time when Ballari remains politically charged after the violent clash between supporters of Bharath Reddy and Mr. Janardhana Reddy earlier this month, which resulted in the death of a Congress activist and injuries to several others.

PM launches projects, flags off train services in Kerala

Modi inaugurates new Amrit Bharat Express trains and a passenger train allotted for Kerala, and unveils PM SVANidhi Card; Pinarayi expresses hope that State's 'genuine demands' would be met

The Hindu Bureau
THIRUVANANTHAPURAM

Narendra Modi, along with Governor Rajendra Arlekar and Chief Minister Pinarayi Vijayan in Thiruvananthapuram on Friday. PTI

A developed Kerala is essential for realising the dream of a developed India, Prime Minister Narendra Modi said.

He flagged off three new Amrit Bharat Express trains and one passenger train allotted for Kerala, in Thiruvananthapuram on Friday, and launched developmental projects in various sectors.

Addressing a gathering, Mr. Modi said Kerala's rail connectivity had been strengthened with the flagging-off of Amrit Bharat Express trains. The new passenger train between Guruvayur and Thrissur would make travel easier for pilgrims. New initiatives have been undertaken to transform Thiruvananthapuram into a major start-up hub, he added

Launching the PM SVANidhi Credit Card on the occasion, he said a nationwide initiative for the welfare of the poor had begun from Kerala.

Mr. Modi said the condition of street vendors, 'who earlier struggled to borrow even a few hundred rupees due to high interest rates,' has been transformed through the PM SVANidhi Scheme.

The Centre has undertaken projects for poor families living in cities, the Prime Minister said. Under the Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana, more than 4 crore houses have been provided to the poor. In Kerala, nearly 1.25 lakh urban poor families have received permanent houses, he added.

Expressing gratitude to the Prime Minister for clearing the projects, Chief Minister Pinarayi Vijayan said he hoped the other "genuine demands of Keralam" would also be met in due course.

Nokia keen on setting up a Global Capability Centre in Karnataka: M.B. Patil

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

Nokia Corporation, a global player in telecommunications technology, has expressed its interest in establishing a Global Capability Centre (GCC) and research centres in Karnataka, according to Industries Minister M.B. Patil.

Nokia, which has enjoyed a long-standing association with the State for over 25 years and operates its largest global research centre in Bengaluru, has held discussions regarding expanding its operations across Karnataka, including its Tier-2 cities.

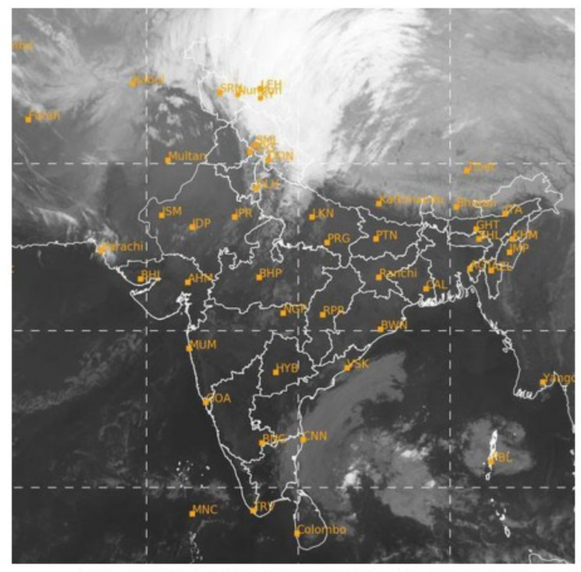
During meetings with senior Nokia officials at the ongoing World Economic Forum summit in Davos, the State government assured full support for the company's future expansion plans, said the Minister.

The Minister also reiterated the State government's commitment to supporting the World Economic Forum's 'Yes-BLR UpLink' initiative, which seeks to develop the 'Yes Bengaluru' programme on sustainable urban development into a globally recognised platform for government-industry collaboration.

Mr. Patil said the matter was discussed in detail during a meeting with John Dutton, Head of UpLink at the World Economic Forum. The initiative provides financial assistance, mentorship and pilot opportunities to start-ups working on real-world, city-centric challenges and contributing to urban development. The WEF UpLink delegation has appreciated the State government's continued support for the initiative, he added.

WEATHERWATCH

Rainfall, temperature & air quality in select metros yesterday



TEMPERATURE DATA: IMD, POLLUTION DATA: CPCB, MAP: INSAT/IMD (TAKEN AT 17.45 HRS)

Forecast for Saturday: Cold wave conditions likely at isolated places over Himachal Pradesh. Dense/very dense fog likely at isolated places over Rajasthan, Himachal Pradesh, Punjab, Haryana, Chandigarh, Delhi, Sikkim, West Bengal and Madhya Pradesh

CITY	RAIN	MAX	MIN	CITY	RAIN	MAX	MIN
Agartala	—	28.2	12.0	Kozhikode	—	32.5	22.8
Ahmedabad	—	26.6	17.8	Kurnool	—	31.5	17.2
Aizawl	—	28.6	13.2	Lucknow	—	25.3	9.8
Allahabad	—	26.4	9.6	Madurai	—	33.0	19.2
Bengaluru	—	27.5	15.1	Mangaluru	—	32.4	20.6
Bhopal	—	27.4	17.4	Mumbai	—	28.0	20.3
Bhubaneswar	—	30.6	13.7	Mysuru	—	29.2	13.0
Chandigarh	13.2	13.5	10.9	New Delhi	1	16.0	13.7
Chennai	—	28.6	22.2	Patna	—	25.0	12.4
Coimbatore	—	31.7	17.5	Port Blair	—	30.6	26.0
Dehradun	—	14.0	8.7	Puducherry	—	29.1	19.5
Gangtok	—	17.6	7.1	Pune	—	30.6	18.2
Goa	—	33.4	18.4	Raipur	—	29.9	15.0
Guwahati	—	27.2	13.5	Ranchi	—	26.8	8.0
Hubballi	—	29.0	13.0	Shillong	—	21.2	6.3
Hyderabad	—	28.6	18.6	Shimla	7	4.8	4.0
Imphal	—	24.9	6.4	Srinagar	37	5.0	1.1
Jaipur	7	20.6	15.0	Thiruvananthapuram	—	32.8	21.4
Kochi	—	31.0	23.6	Tiruchi	—	30.5	18.6
Kohima	—	17.8	6.8	Vijayawada	—	29.4	19.4
Kolkata	—	26.4	12.9	Visakhapatnam	—	29.1	21.0

(Rainfall data in mm; temperature in Celsius)

Pollutants in the air you are breathing

CITIES	SO 2	NO 2	CO	PM2.5	PM10	CODE
Ahmedabad	.86	..82	20	... 117	...135	
Bengaluru	...8	..23	42	... 114	...153	
Chennai	...9	..13	55	... 144	...122	
Delhi	...6	191	82	... 331	...247	
Hyderabad	...6	..14	59	 96	...115	
Kolkata	...7	110	55	... 223	...154	
Lucknow	.14	..44	36	... 286	...194	
Mumbai	.17	..73	31	... 138	...121	
Pune	..—	..77	20	... 266	...160	
Visakhapatnam	...3	..51	24	... 163	...171	

Yesterday

In observation made at 4.00 p.m., Angul, Odisha recorded an overall air quality index (AQI) score of 311 indicating an unhealthy level of pollution. In contrast, Shillong, Meghalaya recorded a healthy AQI score of 24

Air Quality Code: Poor Moderate Good (Readings indicate average AQI)

SO2: Sulphur Dioxide. Short-term exposure can harm the respiratory system, making breathing difficult. It can affect visibility by reacting with other air particles to form haze and stain culturally important objects such as statues and monuments.

NO2: Nitrogen Dioxide. Aggravates respiratory illness, causes haze to form by reacting with other air particles, causes acid rain, pollutes coastal waters.

CO: Carbon monoxide. High concentration in air reduces oxygen supply to critical organs like the heart and brain. At very high levels, it can cause dizziness, confusion, unconsciousness and even death.

PM2.5 & PM10: Particulate matter pollution can cause irritation of the eyes, nose and throat, coughing, chest tightness and shortness of breath, reduced lung function, irregular heartbeat, asthma attacks, heart attacks and premature death in people with heart or lung disease

Government of Tamil Nadu
HARUR MUNICIPALITY
Notice Inviting Tender (Two Cover System)

1. Bids are invited for the below work:-

Sl.No	Work	Tender value Rs. (Crore)	Period of completion
1	Improvement of Water Supply System For Harur Municipality	**20.00**	**12 Months**

2. The bid documents will be available from Harur Municipality. The bid documents can be downloaded from the website **https://tntenders.gov.in,** at free of cost.
3. Amount of Earnest Money Deposit will be **1%** of the value put to tender for a Work
4. Processing Fees **Rs.10,000/-** (Non Refundable)
5. Any additional / further details and conditions related to this tender can be had from the office of the respective Commissioner of Municipality on all working days during office hours.
6. **Important dates:**
   1. Date and time for downloading bid documents : **From 23.01.2026 11.00 AM to 20.02.2026 upto 3.00 PM**
   2. Last Date and time for submission of bid document, including online submission : **20.02.2026 at 3.00 PM**
   3. Date, Time and Venue for the pre-bid conference: **11.02.2026 @ 11:00 AM in the Office of Harur Municipality.**
   4. Date and time of opening of the Technical Bid : **20.02.2026 at 3.30PM at Harur Municipality**
7. In the event of specified date for submission of bids is declared a holiday, bids will be received and opened on the next working day at the same time and venue.
8. Other details can be seen in the bid documents.

Roc No.950/2025/E1 Date: 20.01.2026 DIPR/410/TENDER/2026

Commissioner
Harur Municipality

ಸಹಾಯಕಅರಣ್ಯ ಸಂರಕ್ಷಣಾಧಿಕಾರಿಗಳ ಕಛೇರಿ, ಪ್ರಾದೇಶಿಕ ಅರಣ್ಯ ಉಪವಿಭಾಗ, ರಾಯಚೂರು

ಸಂ:ಸಅಸಂ/ರಾಉವಿ/ಕಾಂಪಾ/KPPP/ಟೆಂಡರ್/ಹೊಸ.ಕಾ/ಸಿಆರ್–/2025–26 ದಿನಾಂಕ: 23.01.2026

ಸಂಕ್ಷಿಪ್ತ ಅಲ್ಪಾವಧಿ ಟೆಂಡರ ಪ್ರಕಟಣೆ

(ಕೆಪಿಪಿಪಿ ಪೋರ್ಟಲ್ ಮೂಲಕ) (ಎರಡನೇಯ ಸಲ)

ಈ ಮೂಲಕ ಸಾರ್ವಜನಿಕರ ಮಾಹಿತಿಗಾಗಿ ತಿಳಿಯಪಡಿಸುವುದೆನೆಂದರೆ, ರಾಯಚೂರು ಪ್ರಾದೇಶಿಕ ಅರಣ್ಯ ವಿಭಾಗದ ರಾಯಚೂರು ವಲಯದ ವ್ಯಾಪ್ತಿಯಲ್ಲಿ 2025–26ನೇ ಸಾಲಿಗೆ ಕಾಂಪಾ–06–Others ಯೋಜನೆಯಡಿ ಹೊಸ ಸಿವಿಲ್ ಕಾಮಗಾರಿಗಳನ್ನು ಕೈಗೊಳ್ಳಲು kppp.karnataka.gov.in ಪೋರ್ಟಲ್ ಮೂಲಕ ಅಲ್ಪಾವಧಿ ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಕರೆಯಲಾಗಿದ್ದು, ಆಸಕ್ತ ಗುತ್ತಿಗೆದಾರರು kppp.karnataka.gov.in ಪೋರ್ಟಲ್ ಮೂಲಕ ಟೆಂಡರ್‌ನಲ್ಲಿ ಭಾಗವಹಿಸಬಹುದಾಗಿದೆ. ಬಿಡ್‌ಗಳನ್ನು ಸಲ್ಲಿಸಲು ದಿನಾಂಕ:30.01.2026 ಸಂಜೆ 5.00 ಗಂಟೆ ಕೊನೆಯ ದಿನ ಇದ್ದು, ತಾಂತ್ರಿಕ ಬಿಡ್‌ಗಳನ್ನು ದಿನಾಂಕ:31.01.2026 ರಂದು ಸಂಜೆ 5.00 ಗಂಟೆಯ ನಂತರ ತೆರೆಯಲಾಗುವುದು. ಯಶಸ್ವಿ ತಾಂತ್ರಿಕ ಬಿಡ್‌ಗಳಿಗೆ ಆರ್ಥಿಕ ಬಿಡ್‌ಗಳನ್ನು ದಿನಾಂಕ:04.02.2026ರಂದು 5.30 ಗಂಟೆಯ ನಂತರ ತೆರೆಯಲಾಗುವುದು. ಹೆಚ್ಚಿನ ಮಾಹಿತಿಯನ್ನು kppp.karnataka.gov.in ಪೋರ್ಟಲ್‌ನಲ್ಲಿ ಅಥವಾ ಈ ಕಛೇರಿಯ ವೇಳೆಯಲ್ಲಿ ಸಂಪರ್ಕಿಸಬಹುದು. ಅಥವಾ ಕಛೇರಿಯ ದೂರವಾಣಿ ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ 08532–230029 ಗೆ ಸಂಪರ್ಕಿಸಬಹುದು.

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DIP/RCR/675/KSMC&A/678/2025-26

MAHATRANSCO
Maharashtra State Electricity Transmission Co. Ltd.

NOTICE INVITING TENDER CPD/170-2025-26

Tenders are invited through e-Tendering in SRM Two Bid system from the registered vendors for Supply of following:

Tender No. & Description of Material	Estimated Amount (in Rs. Lakhs) / Tender Fee (in Rs.)	Due Date & Time (Hrs.) Submission & Opening of Tender
SP/T-0605/0126 1st Call [Rfx No. 5000001253] for Procurement of PLCC panels, EPAX & Coupling Device for EHV substations of various Zones in MSETCL.	Rs. 1792.60 Lakhs / 25000.00+ 18% GST extra	13.02.2026 18:00 Hrs / 13.02.2026 18.15 Hrs

Contact Person: Office of the Executive Engineer (Gr-VI)
Email:1) C.E. (CPA) 2) S.E.(CPA) 3) C.E.(O&M) 4) E.E.(VI)
CPA, C.O. MSETCL, 1st Floor, Prakashgad Building, Bandra (E), Mumbai. Tel. No.: 022-69852720
Email id: **cecpa@mahatransco.in, secpa@gmail.com, eegrp6@mahatransco.in**
For further details visit our website http://www.srmetender.mahatransco.in
Any further amendments will be published on the MSETCL website **www.mahatransco.in.** So bidders are requested to check the website.

Sd/- **Executive Engineer (P&C)**

KARNATAKA URBAN WATER SUPPLY & DRAINAGE BOARD
KALABURAGI ZONE, KALABURAGI
Office of the Chief Engineer KUWS & D Board, Kalaburagi Zone,
"Jalbhavan", Rajapur, Kusnoor Road, Kalaburagi - 585105. Tel : 08472-220817,
Fax : 08472-260818 E-mail ID : kwbceklb14@gmail.com

No. KWB/CE(K)/TEC/WSS/Nag Phase-4/2025-26/1418 Date : 22-01-2026

-: NOTICE INVITING TENDER – 3rd Call:-

1) Detail of Work: "Construction of 5.0LL OHT on 15 mtr staging at Zone-7 of Lingasugur Town under Nagarotthana phase-4". (Lumpsum tender) (No Variation) **(Work Indent No : KUWSDB/2025-26 /WS /WORK_INDENT462/CALL-2),** 2) Amount of Estimate: **Rs. 101.07 Lakhs (Excluding GST),** 3) Eligibility of Contractor: Eligible Contractors, 4) Details of Tender application amount and EMD amount: Rs. 2,00,000/-, 5) Period of Completion: 12 (Twelve) Months, 6) Date and Time for commencement of downloading of tender documents from the e-procurement portal: **27-01-2026 after 17:30 hours**, 7) Date & Time of Pre-Bid Meeting: **02-02-2026 at 11:30 hours**, 8) Last Date and Time for receipt of Tenders : **10-02-2026 upto 17:30 hours**, 9) Date and Time for Opening of Tender: **12-02-2026 after 11:00 hours,** 10) Addl. information: Office of the Chief Engineer, KUWS & D Board, Kalaburagi Zone,"Jalbhavan", Rajapur, Kusnoor Road, Telephone : 08472-220817, E-mail ID : kwbceklb14@gmail.com, 11). Address of E-portal: **www.kppp.karnataka.gov.in**

Sd/- Chief Engineer
DIPR/Kalaburagi/1015/KSMC&A/2025-26 **KUWS & D Board, Kalaburagi Zone, Kalaburagi**

GOVERNMENT OF TAMILNADU
TAMIL NADU URBAN HABITAT DEVELOPMENT BOARD
No. 5, Kamarajar Salai, Chennai - 600005, Tamil Nadu, India.

Invitation for Bids No: IRSHUPSP/NCB/08 and IRSHUPSP/NCB/09

ADB Loan No. and Project Title: 4106-IND: Inclusive, Resilient and Sustainable Housing for Urban Poor Sector Project in Tamil Nadu.

Contract No. and Title: Package-1/IRSHUPSP/MEL/08, Construction of **719 tenements (PS+5 floors)** with **development works** at **Melakottaiyur scheme** in **Vandalur Taluk**, **Chengalpattu District .**

Contract No. and Title: Package-2/IRSHUPSP/THI/09, Construction of 452 tenements (PS+9 floors) with **development works** at **Thirumudivakkam** in **T.S.No.367, Thirumudivakkam Village, Kundrathur Taluk, Kancheepuram District.**

The Superintending Engineer, Project Monitoring Unit, on behalf of Tamil Nadu Urban Habitat Development Board ("the Employer") invites bids from eligible bidders for the contract packages named above. Bids are invited under Open Competitive Bidding (OCB) - National procedure of ADB which is open to all bidders from eligible source countries of ADB.

1. Detailed Notice of Invitation for Bids (IFB) and the Bid document for above packages would be available at **www.tntenders.gov.in** starting from **23.01.2026.** Deadline for bid submission is **16:00 hours** on **19.02.2026.** All required information are provided in the bid document.
2. Online & Offline Pre-bid Meeting will be held at **14:00 hours** on **04.02.2026**. All the prospective bidders are advised to participate in the Pre-bid meeting.
3. Any addendum, clarification to the bidder's queries and corrigendum etc. will be published on the **www.tntenders.gov.in** website and will not be published in Newspapers.
4. Bidders may contact **Superintending Engineer, Project Monitoring Unit, TNUHDB** for any other information on bidding process.

DIPR/402/TENDER/2026

Superintending Engineer (FAC),
Project Monitoring Unit

BANGALORE WATER SUPPLY AND SEWERAGE BOARD

EXPRESSION OF INTEREST (Through BWSSB Website only)

BWSSB invites Expression of Interest from Self-Help Groups(SHG s) for the following works.

Office of the Chief Engineer (North), 6th Floor, Cauvery Bhavan, K.G. Road, Bengaluru - 560 009.

Sl.No.	Name of the Work	Address for EOI and Contact
1	Implementation of AMRUT 2.0-AMRUT Mitra in Executive Engineer(Central) Division for 9 projects.	Office of the Executive Engineer, Cental Division, BWSSB, Highgrounds, Millers Road, Bangalore-560052. E-mail: **eec@bwssb.gov.in.** Phone: **080-22945187.**
2	Implementation of AMRUT 2.0-AMRUT Mitra in Executive Engineer(North East) Division for 18 projects.	Office of the Executive Engineer, North East Division, BWSSB, Suvarna Bhavan, Margosa Road, 18th Cross, Malleswaram, Bangalore-560055. E-mail: **eene@bwssb.gov.in.** Phone: **080-22945124.**
3	Implementation of AMRUT 2.0-AMRUT Mitra in Executive Engineer(North)-2 Division for 07 projects.	Office of the Executive Engineer,North-2 Division, BWSSB, Pinakini Bhavan, Doddaballapur Main Road, Yelahanka New Town, Bangalore-560064. E-mail: **eenorth 2@bwssb.gov.in.** Phone: **080-29565615.**
	Date & time of Pre-EOI meeting: **30.01.2026 at 11:00 a.m.** Last date & time for receiving of queries in portal: **31.01.2026 at 4:00 p.m.** Last date & time for submission of response to EOI: **01.02.2026 at 4:00 p.m.** Date & time opening of EOI: **02.02.2026 at 4:00 p.m.** EOI validity period: **365 days** from the EOI due date.	
4	Implementation of AMRUT 2.0-AMRUT Mitra in Executive Engineer(North)-1 Division for 16 projects.	Office of the Executive Engineer,North-1 Division, BWSSB, 1st Floor, 2nd Cross, P&T Colony, R.T. Nagar, Bangalore-560032. E-mail: **eenorth1@bwssb.gov.in.** Phone: **080-22916118.**
	Date & time of Pre-EOI meeting: **30.01.2026 at 11:00 a.m.** Last date & time for receiving of queries in portal: **31.01.2026 at 4:00 p.m.** Last date & time for submission of response to EOI: **01.02.2026 at 4:00 p.m.** Date & time opening of EOI: **02.02.2026 at 5:00 p.m.** EOI validity period: **365 days** from the EOI due date.	

The details regarding the EOI and participation in the e-portal process can be obtained by logging on to BWSSB Website: **https://bwssb.karnataka.gov.in.** For further details contact the above mentioned office during working hours.

DIPR/CP/RA/5192/2025-26 **Sd/- Chief Engineer(North).**

UNIVERSITY OF AGRICULTURAL SCIENCES
ESTATE OFFICE, GKVK, BENGALURU-560 065

NO.EO/TN/21/2025-26 **DATED : 19-01-2026**

TENDER NOTIFICATION
(Through e-procurement portal only)

The University of Agricultural Sciences, Bengaluru has invited Tenders from the Registered Travel Agencies for supply of vehicles on hire basis to the University for one year. The details of the notification, schedule, specifications are available in the website www.kppp.karnataka.gov.in. The cost of tender document is as per e-procurement portal. The EMD has to be paid in the e-procurement portal using e-procurement payment mode.

The university reserves the right to accept or reject any or all the tenders without assigning any reasons.

Further, details can be had from the office of the undersigned during working hours and also refer UAS website **www.kppp.karnataka.gov.in**. Last date and time for uploading is **05-02-2026 upto 4.00 P.M**. **The Technical bid** will be opened on **07-02-2026 at 10.30 A.M**. **The Financial bid** will be opened on **11-02-2026 at 10.30 A.M**. The tenderers need to register with e-procurement portal and to obtain user ID and password for participating in e-procurement portal. For more details please contact e-portal help desk **support@eprochelpdesk. com** or 8046010000/ 8068948777 on working days and this office during working hour, Phone No.080-23332765.

Sd/-
Estate Officer

DIPR/CP/5194/AKAR/2025-26

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HASSAN INSTITUTE OF MEDICAL SCIENCES, HASSAN (An Autonomous Institute under the Dept of Medical Education, Government of Karnataka) SRI CHAMARAJENDRA HOSPITAL CAMPUS, HASSAN

Website: https://himshassan.karnataka.gov.in/
Phone/Fax No.08172-231699, 231599,
Email:directorhims@yahoo.com

No : HIMS/TS/GEN(AGF)/2/2026-TNDR-HIMS-HSN Date: 19.01.2026

E-TENDER NOTIFICATION (Through e-procurement only) https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in

HIMS, Hassan, invites E-tender for supply of Office Stationary,Printing items and Refilling /Replacement of Printer Cartridges to HIMS, Hassan, from the manufacturer or authorized dealers in two cover bid system as per KTTP Act-1999. Sl.No.Name of the Equipments: 1)OFFICE STATIONARY EMD 32,000/- 2)PRINTING ITEMS AND FORMATES EMD 32,000/- 3)REFILLING AND REPLACEMENT OF PRINTER CARTRIDGES AND DRUM EMD 10,000/- Qty: Refer Tender document The Supplier can have access to e-tender documents from 21.01.2026 through website: https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in on payment of transaction fee (non-refundable) as fixed by e-portal. Last date for submission of tender application is up to 04.02.2026 5:00 p.m,. For further details contact the undersigned in the office during working hours or through website: https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in

Sd/- Chief Administrative officer, Hassan Institute of Medical Science, Hassan.

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Mindless killing

Manipur is still reeling from the mishandling of the 2023 protests

In multi-ethnic Manipur, the divide between communities continues to grow and spill over into violence. With people still trying to rebuild lives upended by two years of mindless hostility that began on May 3, 2023, another senseless killing has led to fresh tension. On Wednesday night, a 29-year-old Meitei man was killed by unidentified assailants. Mayanglambam Rishikant Singh was visiting his wife, who is from the Kuki-Zo community, in Churachandpur district, when the couple was picked up from home by masked gunmen. While she was allowed to walk away, Singh was shot dead, which was recorded on camera. There were demonstrations in Meitei-dominated Imphal Valley, and at Kakching, from where Singh hailed, people blocked the Indo-Myanmar Sugnu Road to seek justice for his family. According to security officials, on Wednesday night, a video of the killing was shared on WhatsApp from a Guwahati IP address with the title, 'No peace no popular governments'. A joint action committee, set up in the Meitei-dominated Imphal Valley, demanded that the case be handed over to the National Investigation Agency. The acute trust deficit among the people in a State which has been under President's rule since last February is palpable. The faultlines between the hills, dominated by the tribes, and the Valley, home to the Meiteis, have sharpened.

Manipur, which became a State in 1972, has 33 recognised tribes. Each tribe, including the Kuki-Zo and Nagas, and several non-tribal communities such as the Meiteis have their unique identity and culture, which the political leadership has to be mindful of. Despite witnessing waves of insurgencies and ethnic conflict since 1972, people of different tribes and non-tribal communities did work and live together without fear of reprisal. That has become almost impossible now, and the killing of a Meitei in a Kuki-dominated area will only add to the mistrust. The present cycle of violence began after the Manipur High Court gave the go-ahead to the State government to grant Scheduled Tribe status to the Meiteis, an old demand. Tribal groups vociferously protested, saying this would give the Meiteis unprecedented advantages. Things soon got out of control after the Meiteis and Kuki-Zo tribes clashed. The Biren Singh government may have resigned in February 2025, but the State is still reeling under the consequences of the manner in which the Centre and State leaders handled the situation. To find permanent peace, civil society and political leaders need to continue to work tirelessly to bring all stakeholders on board and resolve underlying issues of identity and marginalisation.

Right to dignity

Governments must ensure equitable pay for ASHA workers

The ongoing protests by ASHA and anganwadi workers in West Bengal demanding their wages be increased to ₹15,000 a month is a sour reminder of efforts to deny them permanent employee status despite their centrality to many national and State welfare schemes. The Indira Gandhi government denied the first of many of these workers 'worker' status under the Integrated Child Development Scheme (ICDS), laying a foundation that India has continued to build on to bypass labour laws. As the workload increased, the formation of a national union followed in 1989, but even in the liberalisation era, the state created the category of 'scheme workers' and expanded social schemes but not permanent government jobs. The *State of Karnataka vs Ameerbi* (1996) – tribunal decision – further excluded anganwadi workers from the set of government employees even as the top court expanded the right to food, and thus the need for these workers, in 2004. The ASHA programme took root in the mid-2000s and followed a similar trajectory, with the government framing them as 'activists'. Worse, in the 2010s, when the government, employers, and workers' unions recommended job regularisation, minimum wages, and pension and gratuity for ASHA workers at the 45th Labour Conference, successive UPA and NDA governments chose not to implement this. In 2015, the NDA government slashed the ICDS budget, and these workers have been protesting since at regular intervals just to make ends meet.

The Centre also froze its contribution to these workers' pay in 2018, in effect leaving ASHA and anganwadi personnel to absorb fiscal shocks. Together with the lack of a guarantee of better working conditions for gig workers in the new labour codes, the state has effectively exited the social contract for many of its most vulnerable labourers in favour of promoting business metrics and more fiscal headroom at the Centre. States do wield more power in hiring and dispute resolution and are also more vulnerable to electoral pressure, which unions have taken advantage of, but there is also considerable disparity between States. As central honoraria stagnated, States were compelled to top up payments from their own budgets. Predictably, wealthier States and those facing sustained Union pressure have been able to offer more or additional benefits than fiscally constrained ones. Nonetheless, it is unconscionable that the practice of denying these workers their due still continues to be knowingly exploitative. The Centre must legally reclassify these 'volunteers' as statutory employees under the Code on Social Security, guaranteeing minimum wages and pension coverage. The Centre and States must also bridge fiscal gaps to ensure equitable pay across regions. Only by institutionalising these protections can India grant these essential workers their rightful dignity.

Delimitation after 2027, redrawing power in India

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Every democracy must periodically redraw its electoral map to reflect population change. In India, this process is known as delimitation. On paper, it is a routine constitutional adjustment. In reality, the next delimitation exercise – due after Census 2027 – will be the most consequential redrawing of political power since Independence. It will redefine how seats are distributed in the Lok Sabha and how India understands fairness, federalism and regional balance.

The Constitution required delimitation after every Census. But this principle has been suspended for nearly half a century. Inter-State distribution of Lok Sabha seats has remained unchanged since 1976, frozen at 1971 Census figures so that States would not be penalised for controlling population growth. The 84th Amendment in 2001 specified that redistribution would remain suspended until "the first census taken after the year 2026".

That suspension effectively expires with Census 2027. At present, representation still rests on an India of 548 million people (1971), not today's 1.47 billion reality.

Delimitation is time consuming. India's four previous Commissions took between three and five-and-a-half years – and the last one (2002-08) only redrew internal constituency boundaries without reallocating seats among States. The next Commission would probably reallocate seats among States for the first time since 1976, redraw all constituencies, and create reserved constituencies for women's 33% quota. Even if Census 2027 data is published in 2028, completing delimitation before 2031-32 seems impossible. As a result, women's reservation cannot be implemented before the 2034 elections. But we cannot rule out surprises.

The complexity around numbers

In the 1970s, fertility rates across States were similar. Today, they have sharply diverged. The southern and western States achieved below-replacement fertility through investments in education, health and women's empowerment. Northern States such as Uttar Pradesh and Bihar continue recording higher population growth. If population alone determines representation, States that controlled growth will lose political weight, while those that did not will gain significantly.

The numbers are stark. According to delimitation projections, if seats were allocated purely by population in an expanded Lok Sabha of approximately 888 members, Uttar Pradesh would rise from 80 to 151 seats and Bihar from 40 to 82 – just over 26% combined. Tamil Nadu would have 53 seats (from 39) and Kerala 23 (from 20). Though their absolute numbers rise, their share in the total Lok Sabha strength would fall from 7.2% to 6.0% and 3.7% to 2.6%, respectively, as the northern States gain disproportionately. This creates a moral paradox. Why should States be punished for good governance? For 50 years, India urged States to implement population control. Those who succeeded now stand to lose representation. The logic which forced the freeze in 1976 and 2001 is still valid.

> If done poorly, driven by political arithmetic alone, it can deepen distrust and injure India's federal spirit

Union Home Minister Amit Shah stated in 2025 that "not even one seat will be reduced" for any southern State. But this promise cannot offset the imbalance if northern States gain massively – or it may require suspending constitutionally mandated redistribution altogether, inviting legal challenge.

The arithmetic reveals a deeper complexity. Even if southern States retain their current seat numbers in an expanded House, their influence diminishes significantly. Parliament functions on absolute numbers, not proportions. When the combined strength of U.P. and Bihar rises to over a quarter of the House, the bargaining power of other regions inevitably declines – despite the promise being kept technically.

Options worth pondering over

There are six options that merit debate.

First, extend the current freeze beyond 2026, delaying redistribution until fertility rates converge. This preserves current balances but denies fast-growing States fair representation (a legitimate concern) and risks constitutional challenge under Article 14, as unequal representation based on 50-year-old data undermines the principle of equal suffrage.

Second, expand the Lok Sabha from 543 to, say, 750 or 888 seats, ensuring that no State loses seats; some gain more. However, proportional distribution means that larger States still get bigger shares, leaving southern concerns unaddressed.

Third, adopt a weighted formula: 80% weight for population, 20% for development indicators such as literacy, health, or sustained fertility control – analogous to how the Finance Commission uses composite indicators for tax devolution. This rewards governance outcomes, not just population size. The ratio could be 70:30.

Fourth, strengthen the Rajya Sabha as a genuinely federal chamber. Earlier, domicile requirements ensured that Members represented the States from which they were elected. Now, anyone can be elected from anywhere, weakening that link. The domicile condition must be restored. Additionally, Rajya Sabha seats remain distributed largely by population – Uttar Pradesh has 31 seats while Sikkim has one – blunting its federal purpose. Consider adopting the American system of equal seats a State, irrespective of size (California 39 million, Wyoming 0.5 million both have two Senators). An Indian model could be evolved which could have three tiers: largest States (15 seats each), medium States (10 seats), smallest States (five seats). Within each tier, States would have equal representation regardless of population, balancing federalism and restoring the Rajya Sabha's moderating role.

Fifth, bifurcate Uttar Pradesh into three or four States to neutralise its excessive weight. U.P. was already divided in 2000 to create Uttarakhand, and movements for Bundelkhand and Purvanchal Statehood have persisted for decades. If U.P.'s projected 151 seats were divided among four States (about 38 seats each), no single State would dominate – making this a federalism solution, not just an administrative one.

Sixth, implement phased redistribution across two election cycles. Reallocate half the adjusted seats in 2034, the remainder in 2039, giving States and parties time to adapt. This reduces political shock while honouring constitutional requirements.

The need for careful navigation

Delimitation will reshape coalition politics fundamentally. If two States command a quarter of Lok Sabha seats, the mathematics of government formation changes entirely. Regional parties that historically provided parliamentary balance would find their leverage reduced, regardless of absolute seat numbers. The choice between constitutional fairness and political stability requires navigating this structural tension carefully.

Beyond formulas, procedure matters. The Delimitation Commission should include experts in demography, constitutional law and federal studies, with meaningful State representation. Transparency, extensive public hearings and robust oversight are essential.

The next delimitation will also redraw internal constituency boundaries – considering geography, administrative convenience, and Scheduled Caste/Scheduled Tribe (SC/ST) representation. While the number of SC and ST reserved constituencies is determined by strict population proportion, the location of specific SC constituencies involves Commission discretion, potentially creating scope for manipulation." The ST formula should apply to both.

Delimitation is a national milestone that will redistribute political voice and shape coalition politics for decades. Done well, it can reaffirm India's unity and modernise representation. Done poorly, it can deepen distrust and injure the federal spirit.

The Census will measure India's population; delimitation will measure its democracy. Once Census data is released, positions will harden and consensus will fade –making now the moment for dialogue.

If guided by transparency, empathy and shared justice, the exercise can renew faith in federalism and democracy. But if driven by political arithmetic alone, it may redraw the moral balance of the Republic itself.

India and the EU — a fit partnership in a divided world

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In geopolitics, clarity is rare. But when it arrives, it demands action. Both are now embodied within the deepening relationship between the European Union (EU) and India as the two sides prepare for the upcoming visit of the President of the European Commission, Ursula von der Leyen, and the President of the European Council, António Luís Santos da Costa, New Delhi. As chief guests at India's 77th Republic Day on January 26, 2026, and co-chairs of the 16th India-EU Summit on January 27, their presence is more than ceremonial. It is an alignment of intent. The optics of EU leaders standing alongside Prime Minister Narendra Modi at India's most symbolic national celebration will underscore the urgency of this moment.

India, once confident of its rapport with United States President Donald Trump, now finds itself in the crosshairs of America – hit with punitive tariffs and disparaging rhetoric, including being accused with the farcical charge of 'Modi's War' in Ukraine over Indian purchases of Russian oil. New Delhi has rejected this inflammatory rhetoric as "inaccurate and misleading", cautioning against "double standards", even as it insists that the partnership has survived many challenging transitions and will press forward on the basis of mutual respect and shared interests. Europe understands this rupture all too well. Today, the message is clear: alliances no longer guarantee protection, and strategic autonomy must take precedence over strategic patience.

A relationship with potential

For too long, the India-EU relationship has simmered with unrealised potential. The two sides have committed to strengthening the relationship but progress has remained episodic. It is often derailed by narrative wars over Russia and China, and by the simple reality that the two sides were more focused on their respective relationships with the U.S. But the new urgency behind this specific visit means that it could now result in relationship-defining outcomes.

> The two sides have the potential to write a new chapter in multilateralism

What the FTA can deliver

First, India and the EU are in the final stages of negotiating a Free Trade Agreement (FTA) that has been sputtering along since 2007. It should be viewed as a geopolitical insurance policy. If realised to its full potential, the agreement could unlock major opportunities in textiles and apparel, where India seeks tariff reductions to boost exports to Europe; pharmaceuticals and chemicals, sectors where India's competitive edge can meet EU demand; automobiles and machinery, where Europe wants greater access to India's growing market; and digital and services trade, where India's IT sector could gain from regulatory harmonisation.

For India, the FTA is also about climate equity. One sticking point continues to be the EU's Carbon Border Adjustment Mechanism (CBAM), which levies a 20%-35% effective carbon charge on materials such as steel, aluminium, cement and fertilizers from India. India sees it as a non-tariff barrier that has the potential to erase the gains an FTA would provide. In the interest of both sides, Europe should be able to offer some relief to India on this front, while still ensuring that climate remains a top policy priority.

Second, while maximising cooperation in issues of trade and technology remains vital, perhaps the hardest and most necessary conversations lie in defence. Ms. Von der Leyen has called for a Security and Defence Partnership with India, on a par with Japan and South Korea. And while it is not headline-grabbing like the FTA, it is almost just as important. For the EU, it would offer access to India's defence market, and the opportunity for co-production of defence equipment.

For India, it compliments Mr. Modi's 'Make in India' initiative, which aims to transform India into a global manufacturing hub. It would also offer access to European technology and a framework for more joint exercises and coordination in the Indian Ocean.

As a template for the world

Finally, on a strategic level, the EU-India partnership could be a model for other nations as they recalibrate and search for new partners. With America's unpredictability and China's continued assertiveness, India and the EU could offer a model of relationship building that respects internal domestic sensitivities, while recognising the need for flexibility and pragmatism. At the heart of this alignment is a shared belief that sovereign choices must remain sovereign, and that neither Beijing, Moscow nor Washington should hold veto power over India or Europe's strategic decisions. India and the EU have paid the price of over-dependence – whether on Russian gas, Chinese markets or American security guarantees. Both also recognise the need for strategic autonomy, which is about enhancing flexibility, reducing over-exposure to or over-dependence on certain countries, and amplifying each other's voices on the global stage.

India and the EU have the credibility, the capability and the capital to co-create a new chapter in multilateralism. If they choose to seize this moment and avoid the trappings of internal bureaucracy, the two sides could help realise a multipolar order that is resilient, equitable and sovereign.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Now, the third Governor

The Karnataka Governor's walkout from the State Assembly (Front page, January 23), can only be seen as an act of shirking duty.

A Governor's role is to serve as a constitutional functionary, but this episode is another instance of the dangers of gubernatorial politicisation. That such problems arise with a troika of Governors, in Tamil Nadu, Kerala and Karnataka — also non-BJP ruled States — shows that there needs to be deep introspection.

Governors, in the words of Pandit Thakur Das Bhargava, Member of Constituent Assembly, "... shall be a guide, philosopher and friend of the Ministry as well as the people in general... He will be a man above party and he will look at the Minister and government from a detached standpoint. He will be able to influence the Ministers and Members of the Legislature in such a manner that the administration will run smoothly."

Divyanshi Soni,
New Delhi

The ostensible reason for these worthies throwing tantrums is that they are only acting on the dictates of the dispensation at the Centre which mandates that they cause maximum discomfort and inconvenience to the State governments. Such events never occur in States ruled by the BJP or its allies.

C.V. Aravind,
Bengaluru

The Governors of Kerala, Tamil Nadu and Karnataka are supposed to read out the address, through the legislature, as it reflects the vision and the aspirations of people's elected government. It is time that the gubernatorial role is redefined to ensure the stature of the office.

Dr. D.V.G. Sankara Rao,
Srikakulam, Andhra Pradesh

Tension in Manipur

The killing of a 29-year-old man in Churachandpur district and the circulation of the video of his murder by the perpetrators points to a premeditated attempt to not just end innocent lives but to also cause disorder in the State. These criminals must not be allowed to succeed and the community at large must see through the motivations of such evil individuals.

Anany Mishra,
Bhilai, Chhattisgarh

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Shimjitha Musthafa accused U. Deepak of sexually harassing her on a bus in Kerala. In buses across India, people are often crammed together. This is a representational image. RAGESH K.

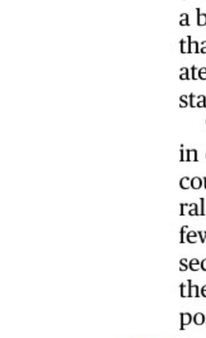
Trial by social media

A day after a woman posted a video on social media alleging sexual harassment by a man on a bus, he died by suicide. The episode sparked outrage across Kerala and led to heated discussions on the use of social media, the possible consequences of public shaming, and mental health. **Mini Muringatheri** reports on an episode that has divided society

Trigger warning: This article contains references to sexual abuse and suicide. Please use your discretion in deciding if, when, and where to read.

It was U. Deepak's birthday on January 17. The 42-year-old sales executive, who worked at a garment company, lived with his parents in a two-storey house in Govindapuram, a couple of kilometres from Kozhikode city in Kerala. He had promised his father, Choyi Ullattuthodi, and mother, K. Kanyaka, that he would take them to Guruvayur temple, an ancient Hindu site dedicated to Lord Krishna and popular among pilgrims. For the closely knit family of three, whose lives were rooted in routine, such pilgrimages were not rare, Kanyaka says.

Deepak had instructed his parents to be ready by the afternoon for the journey that would take about 2 hours. He said they would leave once he returned from work. But when he came home, his parents realised that he was not himself.



"He was very upset," Kanyaka recalls. "He didn't eat. Without any explanation, he said, 'Amma, we will go to Guruvayur later'." Kanyaka kept asking him what had happened, but Deepak did not respond. He shut himself inside his room.

That night, citing incidents of theft in the area, Deepak asked his parents to close their bedroom door. They did as they were told. The next morning, they found Deepak dead in his room.

For Ullattuthodi and Kanyaka, the discovery was shocking especially since they saw no warning and no visible signs of despair. "We couldn't understand why he took his own life," says Kanyaka, her voice cracking.

A day earlier, unbeknownst to his parents, Deepak had struggled to process a video in the public domain that featured him. The circumstances surrounding his death have sent shockwaves across Kerala, sparking widespread discussion and outrage. His death highlights the complex intersection of social media, public shaming, sexual abuse, and mental health.

The incident on the bus

The pervious day, 35-year-old Shimjitha Musthafa from Vadakara, who describes herself on Instagram as a 'trained psychologist', posted a video. She alleged that Deepak sexually harassed her on a bus in Payyannur, Kannur district. She claimed that Deepak, who had been travelling in the private bus from Payyannur railway station to the bus stand, deliberately elbowed her breast.

The video struck a nerve. Sexual harassment in crowded public transport is a lived reality for countless women across India. The clip went viral, reaching more than 2 million people within a few hours. When some people in the comments section questioned her intent and the framing of the video, Musthafa deleted the clip. Later, she posted a follow-up video. She said that her aim was not to target an individual, but to highlight a "serious social and mental health issue."

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> **ASGAR ALI**
> Deepak's friend

It was Asgar Ali, a friend of Deepak, who informed him about the video. "Deepak was introverted," Ali says. "He was recovering from the trauma of a divorce. When I spoke to him on the night of his birthday, he was very distressed. He feared public humiliation. He told me he would take legal measures against the woman."

For Kanyaka, the memory of that night is unbearable. "Though he was 42, he was like a child," she says. "He was very delicate. He would not do anything without asking me. To take such a step, he must have been broken inside. How much my son must have cried all night...."

Deepak's cousin, U. Jayaprakash, and his wife Sini are in a state of disbelief. "Nobody who knew Deepak would ever believe that he could sexually harass someone," says Jayaprakash. "He was very attached to his mother. He must have worried about how such an allegation would affect her."

The family accused Musthafa of using the video to gain fame and followers. Public anger swelled rapidly. Soon, Deepak's death was no longer a private tragedy; it became a public flashpoint. While several women's rights activists urged people to stay calm and not lose sight of the complexity of the issue, many men were angry. A series of videos showed men travelling in buses with cardboard boxes covering their bodies. One of the most widely shared clips featured a bus conductor wearing a cardboard box over his upper body, bearing a message demanding the formation of a men's commission.

Complaints and inquiries

On January 19, Kanyaka filed a complaint against Musthafa with the Kozhikode City Police Commissioner. The Kozhikode Medical College police registered a case and invoked Section 109 of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita, 2023. This is a non-bailable offence relating to abetment to suicide. The police arrested Musthafa from her relative's house in Vadakara and remanded her to judicial custody for 14 days. The State Human Rights Commission directed the police to submit a report within a week.

Deepak's parents, Choyi Ullattuthodi and K. Kanyaka, discovered his body in his room the morning after his birthday. RAGESH K.

In its remand report before the Judicial First Class Magistrate Court, Kunnamangalam, the police stated that Deepak had died by suicide due to the humiliation caused by the videos filmed and shared by Musthafa.

The investigation, the police said, included a review of CCTV footage from the bus in which Musthafa and Deepak had travelled. "There was nothing abnormal or objectionable [in it]," they wrote in the remand report. "The footage does not show any inappropriate or unusual behaviour." Statements from the bus staff and fellow passengers also reportedly confirmed that no incident of harassment or misconduct took place during the journey, the remand report said.

The police also said that Musthafa recorded multiple videos of the alleged sexual harassment in the bus and deleted some of them. Her phone has been sent for forensic analysis. "We have sought police custody of the accused for further questioning," says a police source.

The police added in the report that Musthafa, who holds a postgraduate degree and is former ward member of the Areacode Grama Panchayat, was aware of the legal requirement to approach the police if she had experienced harassment.

Meanwhile, from Manjeri jail, Musthafa filed a complaint through her brother with the Payyannur police, reiterating that she was sexually harassed on the bus on January 16. The Payyannur police have initiated a preliminary inquiry.

A battleground

As legal processes unfolded, public discourse exploded. Almost overnight, the public perception of Musthafa shifted. Initially seen as a victim of sexual harassment, she came to be seen as an abettor of suicide. Social media turned into a battleground. Many people questioned the authenticity of the video, arguing that the contact between Deepak and her could have been accidental as the bus was crowded. Some influencers and YouTubers branded the video "fake."

Deepak's death altered the narrative entirely. What was once a conversation about women's safety in public transport turned into a bitter debate on false allegations, public shaming, and the destructive power of social media. The case raised uncomfortable questions about accountability, justice, and empathy in the digital age.

Feminists themselves appeared divided. "When a woman says she was sexually harassed and shows video evidence of it, how does that automatically become abetment to suicide," someone wondered. Some women argued that suicide cannot invalidate an allegation, especially when the woman continues to stand by her claim even after the man's death. Others asked whether the video should have been made public before an investigation. Should social media influencers assume the role of arbiters of justice? Should public opinion be allowed to determine guilt?

Cyber crime investigator Pattathil Dhanya Menon points to legal grey zones. "Technically speaking, in a public space, you cannot shoot another person without consent," she says. "If it was recorded as evidence against violence, it should have been submitted to the pol0ice. It should not have been edited or tampered with." She stresses the urgent need for awareness about the legitimate use of social media.

As the debate raged on, Musthafa became the target of vicious online abuse. She received rape and murder threats. Ajay Unni, from the Bharatiya Janata Party, who contested the recent Thodupuzha Municipality elections, said women who create such videos should be raped first.

Seeing the firestorm, many women came out in support of Musthafa. They said that there are barely any women who have not experienced harassment in crowded buses or public spaces in India. Detailing their own experiences, women also spoke of how they are routinely shamed and isolated when they speak up.

Data from the National Crime Records Bureau show that India's crime rate against women increased in 2022 by 4% points compared to 2021. The national average stood at 66.4 cases per lakh women, driven by high rates in Delhi (144.4), Haryana (118.7), and Telangana (117.6). States such as Kerala (82) and Madhya Pradesh (78.8) were closer to the national average.

"School and college students are the most frequent victims," says Radhika P., a 53-year-old sales staff member in Kozhikode. "My daughter often complains to me. Even at my age, I'm not spared. Women always travel with fear. We have to remain alert in crowded buses."

Musthafa's supporters also pointed to the apathy of the police and the judicial system in handling harassment complaints. This, they argued, pushes women to post videos online as a form of self-defence, a way of reclaiming agency and deterring potential perpetrators. They cited the 2023 case of Savad Sha, who was arrested for masturbating inside a Kerala State transport bus while sitting next to a woman. She uploaded a video of the act online. The woman, an actor and model, faced severe attacks online from men's groups. Some of them even received the accused after he obtained bail. In 2025, Savad Sha was booked again for molesting another woman in another bus, validating the earlier complaint.

"If the promptness shown in arresting Musthafa had been shown in acting on complaints of harassment in buses, things would be different," says screenwriter and feminist activist Didi Damodharan. "There is hardly a woman who has not had a bad experience in public transport. That is what Musthafa tried to say through her video. Whether this specific case is true or not should be decided by the police and courts."

She adds, "Mobile phones can be effective tools of self defence. The very awareness that one might be under watch can make public spaces safer for women." At the same time, she cautions against the oversimplification of Deepak's suicide. "There may be many reasons behind this death. The video could be one factor, but it may not be the sole reason."

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> **DIDI DAMODHARAN**
> Activist

Damodharan is blunt about how the narrative has been weaponised. "The tears of the mother are being used to attack the women's liberation movement. Instead of emphasising that suicide is never a solution, all anger has been directed at the woman and the video. There appears to be a deliberate effort to crush even the smallest possibility of women's empowerment," she says.

She also points to deeper anxieties at play. "The accessibility of social media and phones for women disrupts power equations in a patriarchal society. That is why the issue is framed as a problem of women using social media," she says.

Drawing lines

As Musthafa was brought to the Medical College police station, people blocked traffic and shouted abuses. Similar scenes were reported outside Manjeri jail. People posted Reels on social media, attacking women and feminist activists. Political parties and their cyber warriors jumped in, each pushing their own agenda.

In the 2017 case involving the abduction and sexual assault of a Malayalam actor, the court took the ages of the accused into account while determining the sentence. In another instance of sexual misconduct, the court showed consideration to the accused, filmmaker P.T. Kunju Muhammed, because of his age. "What, then, is the 'right' age for a man to be punished adequately in a case of harassment," asks Damodharan.

Women activists also point out that the gravity of the allegation against Musthafa is far less severe than crimes such as rape and gang rape. They question the disproportionate response and the intensity of the punitive action in her case.

On the other hand, men's rights activists claim that Deepak's death is not an isolated incident. They argue that men are increasingly victims of public humiliation and reputational damage without evidence. Activist Rahul Easwar announced a 24x7 helpline for men facing mental harassment and declared January 17 as 'Men's Rights Day'. He gave Deepak's parents "initial aid" of ₹3.17 lakh.

Psychiatrist Dr. Shaju George, who is from Thrissur and works in Dubai, says, "Ending one's life is almost normalised as a response to mental trauma. What is tragic is that neither he nor his friends or family sought professional psychological or legal help."

Deepak's death has left behind grieving parents, a woman in jail, and a society deeply divided. It is the story not just of one man and one video, but of a social contract stretched thin by technology, patriarchy, fear, and grief. It forces Kerala, a State that has just declared itself 100% digitally literate, to confront an uncomfortable truth: in the age of social media, justice is seen as everyone's business, delivered in quick, reckless shorts. And the cost is often paid in lives.

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From Page One

NDA government will be formed in T.N., says PM

"We need to free Tamil Nadu from the clutches of the DMK," he said underlining the pace of the State's development and the overall progress of the country were interlinked.

The DMK government, he alleged, had handed over the youth to the drug mafia. Men associated with the DMK were being accused of drug racketeering, which was a big challenge for the future of the State, he said.

Contending that India was the first port of call for global investors, Mr. Modi said the country was firming up big ties with every region in the world. To benefit from this, "it is very important that an NDA double-engine government is formed in Tamil Nadu. When there is a government here, which works harmoniously with the Union government, it will be easier for investors to place their money here."

Claiming that crime was under control during the late Jayalalithaa's regime, Mr. Modi said women and girls felt unsafe now. "I appeal to the mothers, sisters and daughters to (help) form an NDA government here," he said.

Referring to the Thirupparankundram Karthigai Deepam row, Mr. Modi said the BJP stood with devotees for their rights, but the DMK and allies indulged in vote bank politics. The party did not even spare the court, he alleged, claiming DMK was the "biggest enemy" of Tamil culture.

Mr. Modi outlined the extensive funding the Union government had given to Tamil Nadu over the past 11 years. The NDA government had released ₹3 lakh crore to Tamil Nadu in terms of devolution, which was three times more than the amount released during the UPA regime, he said. The funding for railway projects in the State was also seven times higher now, he said.

Give BJP clear mandate, Modi tells Kerala voters

Mr. Modi accused the Left Democratic Front (LDF) government of "denying the benefits" of Centrally sponsored schemes, including the Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana urban housing project and the PM SHRI project for schools.

In his first visit to the Kerala capital after the BJP captured power in the Thiruvananthapuram Corporation in the recently concluded local body elections, he said the win was "historic and a harbinger of change across the State."

"Whenever I have come to Kerala, you have given me your love. But, this time, I can sense a new hope here... Before 1987, the BJP was inconsequential in Gujarat. But that year, we won the Ahmedabad Municipal Corporation, just like how it now won in Thiruvananthapuram Corporation. People saw our work there and gave us power in the entire State. Just like that, in Kerala, our journey has started from a city," he said.

He alleged that the capital had been "kept backward in development" as the LDF and the Congress-led UDF had indulged in corruption. "The BJP's team has now started working with a vision for Thiruvananthapuram... it will become a model city for the entire country," he said.

Mr. Modi said the upcoming Assembly elections will change Kerala's direction. "The people of the State have till now witnessed only corruption, bad governance and appeasement, but the BJP's arrival will change that," he said.

He alleged that gold theft had happened at the Sabarimala temple under the LDF government. "This is Modi's guarantee that those involved will be punished if the BJP comes to power," he said.

'Jurisdictional changes not allowed ahead of Census'

Vijaita Singh
NEW DELHI

Union Home Secretary Govind Mohan on Friday asked the Chief Secretaries to not effect any jurisdictional changes in States till March 31, 2027 due to the forthcoming Population Census 2027.

Mr. Mohan addressed the Conference of Chief Secretaries of States/Union Territories, State Census Nodal Officers, senior officers from the Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA), and Directors of Census Operations.

He asked the States to ensure timely appointment and training of Census functionaries; republishing of notifications; effective use of digital tools, including self-enumeration; and a focused publicity and communication approach to build public awareness, trust and participation to achieve the objectives of Census 2027.

The conference was attended by the Registrar General & Census Commissioner of India (RG&CCI) Mritunjay Kumar Narayan; Additional Registrar Generals Sunil Kumar and Sanjeev Kumar; Deputy Director General Biswajit Das and other senior officers. Mr. Mohan sought cooperation from the Chief Secretaries to regularly review the Census activities.

SC seeks report on probe against Anil Ambani group

CBI and ED asked to submit status reports; top court calls for fresh notices to the group and the promoter over allegations of bank fraud; Solicitor-General says audit revealed 'siphoning of funds'

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

The Supreme Court on Friday sought status reports from the Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) and the Enforcement Directorate (ED) on their probe into alleged bank fraud involving the Anil Dhirubhai Ambani Group (ADAG) and promoter Anil Ambani.

A Bench headed by Chief Justice of India Surya Kant directed fresh notices to be served on the ADAG and Mr. Ambani. The Bench noted in its order that neither parties had entered appearance through their counsel in court "for reasons best known to them". The court emphasised that fresh notices were being issued as a "last opportunity" and in the "interest of justice".

The hearing was based on a petition filed by E.A.S. Sarma, represented by advocate Prashant Bhushan, seeking a court-monitored and extensive investigation with emphasis on the role of bank officials.

Solicitor-General Tushar Mehta, who appeared for the Centre, the CBI and the ED, clarified that he was not opposing Mr. Bhushan. He submitted orally that a forensic audit revealed that there was "siphoning of funds". Based on the audit report, the State Bank of India (SBI) had registered a First Information Report with the CBI in compliance with a Reserve Bank of India (RBI) circular.

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>
> **E.A.S. SARMA**
> Petitioner

Delayed challenge

Mr. Mehta further informed the Bench that there had been a delayed challenge to the forensic audit report with respect to three banks, other than the SBI, before the Bombay High Court on the ground that the report was not signed by a chartered accountant. The Single Judge Bench of the High Court had granted a stay order. However, the banks had challenged the order of the Single Judge before a Division Bench of the High Court, which has reserved the case for judgment.

He clarified, however, that there was no pending challenge to the "fraud declaration" by the SBI.

Noting that Mr. Mehta's clients had no opposition to the petition, the court said it must now hear what the ADAG and Mr. Ambani had to say.

Mr. Bhushan submitted that debts worth ₹1.5 lakh crore were written off in bankruptcy proceedings. He said the web of transactions was fraudulent with several shell companies formed in tax havens and money siphoned out. He submitted that the allegedly illegal activities were detected by the Bank of Baroda as early as 2020. The period of review was between the years 2016 and 2019, yet the CBI had registered an FIR only in June 2025 based on the audit report the Bank of Baroda had received in 2020.

The petition urged the top court to constitute a Special Investigation Team (SIT) comprising officers from the CBI and ED to conduct a thorough, impartial, and time-bound investigation.

"The five-year unexplained delay by the complainant bank and the inertia displayed by institutions like the RBI and ED clearly indicate deeper institutional complicity that the investigating agencies have entirely ignored...," the petition submitted.

Selective targeting

It said a "selective targeting of only one set of actors while shielding others similarly placed offends the equal protection mandate under Article 14".

"A fraud of this magnitude, involving public money and public institutions, cannot be investigated in a piecemeal manner without examining the conduct of public sector bank officials, statutory regulators and government authorities," the petition said. It said despite material indicating frauds aggregating to more than ₹20,000 crore, no arrests had been made. Neither had assets been seized nor accounts frozen.

Chhagan Bhujbal

Maharashtra Minister, kin discharged in PMLA case

Vinaya Deshpande Pandit
MUMBAI

Maharashtra Cabinet Minister Chhagan Bhujbal, his son Pankaj, and nephew Sameer were on Friday discharged by a PMLA (Prevention of Money Laundering Act) court in Mumbai in a money laundering case related to the alleged multi-crore Maharashtra Sadan scam.

Discharging all the accused, the court observed that there was no generation of proceeds of crime. "When there were no proceeds of crime, no question of its layering or siphoning further arises," the order passed by Special Judge Satyanarayan R. Navander stated.

Social activist Anjali Damania, who had filed a Public Interest Litigation petition on the matter, told *The Hindu* that she would challenge the court order in the High Court on grounds that the lower court had "erred in passing the order in question".

Gubernatorial walkouts test constitutional limits

NEWS ANALYSIS

Krishnadas Rajagopal
NEW DELHI

The walkouts of Governors from the inaugural State Legislative Assembly sessions in Opposition-ruled Karnataka, Tamil Nadu and Kerala mark a departure from the "limited freewheeling" allowed to them under the Constitution.

Article 176 (1) mandates that Governors, at the commencement of the first session of each year, "shall" address the Legislative Assembly or, in the case of a State having a Legislative Council, both Houses assembled together and inform the Legislature of the causes of its summons.

Reports said the Karnataka government may approach the Supreme Court for a judicial declaration on the constitutionality of these gubernatorial walkouts after selective or aborted reading of the special address to the assembled legislators, and indirectly to the people they represent in the Assembly. Leaders from these States argue that the Governors have no discretion to skip paragraphs or not read them in toto. The address articulates the policy of the State Cabinet, whose advice the Governors are to abide.

The Constituent Assembly Debates quoted Dr. B.R. Ambedkar on the role of the Governor in Parliamentary democracy, "The Governor under the Constitution has no functions which he can discharge by himself; no functions at all. While he has no functions, he has certain duties to perform... He is the representative not of a party; he is the representative of the people as a whole of the State."

State leaders argue that Governors have no discretion for selective reading of special address to legislators

The Supreme Court in its judgment in the Tamil Nadu Governor case held that the discretionary powers of the Governor cannot have the "effect of negating the powers of a responsible government". The following Presidential Reference agreed to term the Governor as a "guide, philosopher and a friend of the government and the people in general".

A seven-judge Bench of the Supreme Court in the 1974 case of *Shamsher Singh versus State of Punjab* observed that for a centrally appointed constitutional functionary to "take up public stances critical of government policy settled by the Cabinet" amounted to "unconstitutional faux pas and ran counter to Parliamentary system".

The Supreme Court has consistently held that the discretionary powers of Governors are plainly stated in the Constitution. Governors cannot cross the line. A Constitution Bench in the 2016 Nabam Rebia case observed that the Constitution allows Governors elbow room in giving assent or withhold or refer a Bill for Presidential assent, the appointment of the Chief Minister, the dismissal of a government which has lost confidence but refuses to quit since the Chief Minister holds office during the pleasure of the Governor, the dissolution of the House, the Governor's report under Article 356 (President's rule), and while exercising gubernatorial responsibility for specific States.

The court said addressing the House under Article 175(1) or making a special address under Article 176(1) were "executive functions" performed by the Governor on the aid and advice of the Council of Ministers.

The Shamsher Singh judgment spelt out clearly that even the "limited freewheeling" allowed to the Governor was "not left to the sweet will of the Governor but remote-controlled by the Union Ministry which is answerable to Parliament for those actions".

The court reasoned that if discretion was permitted to the Governor in every one of his roles, Parliamentary democracy would become a "dope" and the Head of the State would become a "reincarnation of Her Majesty's Secretary of State for India, untroubled by even the British Parliament - a little taller in power than the U.S. President".

Tejashwi's security row: RJD slams Bihar govt.

Amit Bhelari
PATNA

The Rashtriya Janata Dal (RJD) on Friday targeted the ruling government in Bihar a day after the security cover of party leader and Leader of Opposition in State Assembly Tejashwi Yadav was downgraded from Z to Y+.

The security cover of several Opposition leaders in Bihar have been withdrawn, including Bihar Congress chief Rajesh Ram whereas the security cover of several National Democratic Alliance leaders have been upgraded, including newly elected BJP national president Nitin Nabin from Y+ to Z category.

RJD spokesperson Ejaz Ahmed expressed serious objection over curtailing the security of Bihar's Leader of the Opposition. "This kind of action by the ruling party is a conspiracy to suppress the voice of the Opposition," he said.

71 fugitives wanted by India located abroad in 2024-25, highest in 12 years

Vijaita Singh
NEW DELHI

As many as 71 fugitives wanted by India were located in a foreign country in 2024-25, the highest in the last 12 years, government data shows.

According to the 2024-25 annual report of the Department of Personnel and Training (DoPT), the Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) located 71 people wanted by India in foreign countries, while 27 fugitives returned to India in the last financial year.

The CBI processed and gave comments on more than 22,200 applications for renunciation of Indian citizenship on the Ministry of Home Affairs portal. At a CBI conference last year, Union Home Minister Amit Shah had underscored the need for a ruthless approach to ensure the extradition of fugitives.

Over the previous decade, the number of fugitives traced to foreign countries ranged between 15 in 2013 and 42 in 2015, before shooting up to 71 last year, according to previous DoPT reports.

The number of fugitives annually extradited or deported to India, on the other hand, ranged between 5 and 29, with the highest number recorded in 2023.

According to a Ministry of External Affairs (MEA) reply in Parliament on December 19, 2025, India has signed extradition treaties with 48 countries and has extradition arrangements with 12 countries.

India is also party to multilateral conventions such as the United Nations Convention against Corruption, which can serve as a legal framework to bring back fugitive criminals from other countries which are also parties to these conventions.

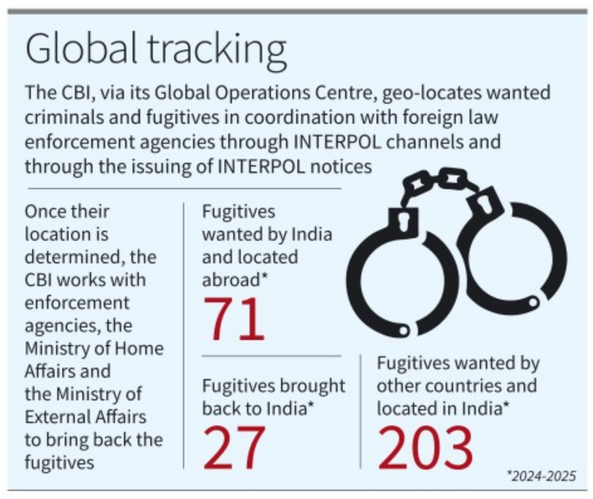
Over the last five years, India has sent 137 extradition requests to foreign countries, the MEA said. Of these, 134 requests were accepted, with 125 of them still pending with foreign governments. Three requests were rejected.

"In the last five years, 25 fugitives have been successfully extradited to India," the MEA added.

The CBI's Global Operations Centre geo-locates wanted criminals and fugitives in cooperation with foreign law enforcement agencies, via Interpol channels and through the issue of Interpol notices.

During 2024-2025, there were 74 judicial requests, called letters rogatory, sent to foreign governments. There were 47 letters rogatory which were fully executed during 2024-2025, of which 42 were from the CBI and five were from other agencies.

As on March 31, 2025, a total of 533 letters rogatory were pending with other countries.



HC gives Lokpal two months to decide on sanction against MP

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

The Delhi High Court on Friday granted two months' time to the Lokpal of India to decide on granting sanction to the Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) to file a chargesheet against Trinamool Congress MP Mahua Moitra in connection with the cash-for-query allegations against her.

A Division Bench allowed the application filed by the Lokpal of India seeking additional time to decide the matter.

The court also clarified that no further time would be granted.

The High Court, on December 19, 2025, had set aside a November order of the Lokpal granting sanction to the CBI to file a chargesheet against the Trinamool MP in the case. It had said the Lokpal's decision was a clear departure from the procedure expressly mandated under law. The order came on a plea filed by Ms. Moitra challenging the Lokpal's decision.

Mahua Moitra

Ms. Moitra was expelled from the Lok Sabha in December 2024 after BJP MP Nishikant Dubey and advocate Jai Dehadrai alleged that she had taken a bribe from businessman Darshan Hiranandani to ask questions in Parliament. She was accused of compromising her parliamentary privileges and causing national security threats by sharing her Lok Sabha login credentials.

Top JeM terrorist killed in encounter in Kathua

Press Trust of India
JAMMU

In a significant breakthrough in counter-terror operations, security forces on Friday eliminated a top Pakistani terrorist linked to the Jaish-e-Mohammad (JeM) outfit in an encounter in Kathua district of Jammu and Kashmir, police said.

Inspector General of Police, Jammu range, Bhim Sen Tuti, said the terrorist was gunned down in Billawar town.

Officials identified the deceased terrorist as JeM commander Usman alias 'Abu Maviya'. They said a large quantity of arms and ammunition, including an M4 automatic rifle, were recovered during the operation in a remote village in Parhetar area. "In a precise strike by the joint forces, one foreign terrorist has been eliminated," the Army's Rising Star Corps said on X.

Mamata says 110 dead due to SIR; blames EC, Centre

Bengal CM asks why FIR should not be registered against Election Commission for the deaths; she says attempts are being made to disrespect national icons and change the country's history

Shiv Sahay Singh
KOLKATA

West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee on Friday said that three to four people were dying by suicide every day in the State due to anxiety over the ongoing special intensive revision (SIR) of electoral rolls. She said the Election Commission and the Union government should take responsibility for the deaths.

The Trinamool Congress chairperson asked why an FIR should not be registered against the poll body for the deaths. "More than 110 people have died. Why will the case not be filed against EC? The Election Commission of India will have to take responsibility for these deaths, the Government of India will also have to take responsibility," Ms. Banerjee said at an event to mark the birth anniversary of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose.

Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee during an event marking the birth anniversary of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose in Kolkata on Friday. ANI

There have been instances where people have registered police complaints against the poll body in the State.

Ms. Banerjee has been critical of the SIR since the start of the process and has written five letters to Chief Election Commissioner Gyanesh Kumar since November 2025.

The Chief Minister said attempts were being made to disrespect national icons from Rabindranath Tagore to Bose and change the country's history. "There is an attempt to change the history of India. Scholars are being disrespected. There is disrespect for the language and our culture," she said.

Hitting out at Ms. Banerjee, West Bengal BJP president Samik Bhattacharya said that "those who are in politics banking on the legacy of Congress, they should not comment on treatment of national icons". Mr. Bhattacharya said the BJP was indeed "changing the history" of the country by getting rid of the "colonial hangover".

(For those in distress, counselling is available at Tele MANAS 14416.)

Congress flags EC's arbitrary threshold setting

KOLKATA

West Bengal Congress chief Subhankar Sarkar flagged the "arbitrary" threshold set by the Election Commission, pointing out that the number of electors with six or more voters linked to them as children stood at 2,06,056. However, if the threshold is raised to 10, the number drops to 8,682.

Stir against new rural jobs Act will be decentralised, says NREGA Morcha

Sobhana K. Nair
NEW DELHI

The campaign against the new rural employment guarantee legislation, The Viksit Bharat - Guarantee for Rozgar and Ajeevika Mission (Gramin) Act, 2025, will be decentralised unlike the 13-month-long farmers' agitation, which was stationed at Delhi's border, according to the NREGA Sangharsh Morcha.

The first round of protests will be held on Republic Day across the country. It is one of the four days in a year that gram panchayats have to be mandatorily held. The NREGA Sangharsh Morcha, a coalition of NGOs and unions working with MGNREGA workers, has given a call to ensure that during this meeting, the gram panchayats move a resolution against the new law. "The new legislation has diluting powers of gram panchayats in many ways, including having a say in what work should be done and where. The new law makes the rural employment programme like any other centrally sponsored scheme where decisions are top down," Nikhil Dey, one of the founding architects of MGNREGA and founder member of Mazdoor Kisan Shakti Sangathan, told *The Hindu*.

A gathering during the national convention of MGNREGA workers in Delhi on Thursday. SUSHIL KUMAR VERMA

The government has been using the gram sabha platform to familarise the workers with the new Act. Three days after the legislation was passed in Parliament, the Ministry of Rural Development had directed all State governments to conduct special gram sabhas in every gram panchayat by December 26 last year to discuss the salient features of the Act.

The NREGA Morcha has also called for a Mahapanchayat in State capitals on February 2, coinciding with what would have been the 20th anniversary of the launch of MGNREGA. Mr. Dey said the campaign to restore MGNREGA has the potential to be the "largest decentralised agitation" in the world.

"The campaign to restore MGNREGA is going to be unlike the farmers' agitation or even the protests against the labour codes. It will be far more decentralised and widespread because the workers are spread across the country," he added.

On Thursday, the NREGA Sangarsh Morcha in close coordination with the Congress had organised a national convention of workers, which was addressed by both Congress president Mallikarjun Kharge and Leader of Opposition in Lok Sabha Rahul Gandhi. More than 300 workers participated in the event.

An NREGA Sangharsh Morcha activist said that the two movements cannot be compared because the MGNREGA workers and farmers belong to two distinct economic classes.

"For the half-a-day national convention, many workers travelled for the very first time to Delhi, many of them reaching directly to the venue since their trains were delayed, many travelling by metro for the first time. Even crossing the turnstile at Metro station was a novel experience for them," the activist said.

'Strategic vision of Netaji has lessons for contemporary India'

Saurabh Trivedi
NEW DELHI

Chief of Defence Staff (CDS) General Anil Chauhan on Thursday underscored the enduring relevance of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose's strategic vision, asserting that his approach to diplomacy, military leadership, and nation-building offered critical lessons for India amid a polycentric, unstable, and uncertain global order.

Delivering an address at Jawaharlal Nehru University on the birth anniversary of Netaji, General Chauhan said Bose exemplified the seamless integration of political vision, astute diplomacy, and military operations.

"He created a government, built an army, planned campaigns, negotiated alliances and managed logistics. He was classically a military leader," the CDS remarked, adding that the full impact of the Indian National Army's (INA) contribution to India's Independence was yet to be fully recognised.

General Chauhan noted that much of the military history studied by Indian officers was written from a colonial perspective. He highlighted that the INA suffered the highest attrition rate faced by any army, yet stood as a powerful symbol of unity, transcending region, caste, religion, and gender.

General Anil Chauhan

Emphasising Netaji's foresight, General Chauhan pointed to Bose's vision for indigenous arms production as early as 1944, likening it to today's emphasis on *aatmanirbharta* (self-reliance). He cited the negotiation with Japan to secure the Andaman and Nicobar Islands – renamed Shaheed and Swaraj – as India's first sovereign territory as a classic example of strategic realism.

On future warfare, he cautioned: "There are no permanent friends or allies." He stressed the need for innovation rooted in Indian strategic culture rather than Western models.

Anita Bose seeks support for return of Netaji's ashes

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose's daughter, Anita Bose Pfaff, marked the 129th birth anniversary of the late freedom fighter by urging all Indians to support the demand for his remains to be brought to India from Tokyo, Japan.

In a statement on Thursday, she said Netaji would have been distressed that his remains were kept outside his motherland more than 80 years after his death and 78 years after India became free.

Act against perpetrators of 'barbaric' attack on pastor in Odisha, Congress requests Shah

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

Expressing "deep shock" over the alleged assault on a Christian pastor and members of the community in Odisha's Dhenkanal district, Congress general secretary K.C. Venugopal wrote to Union Home Minister Amit Shah seeking immediate action against those responsible.

In his letter, Mr. Venugopal referred to the January 4 incident in Parjang village, where Pastor Bipin Bihari Naik was attacked while conducting Sunday prayers at his residence.

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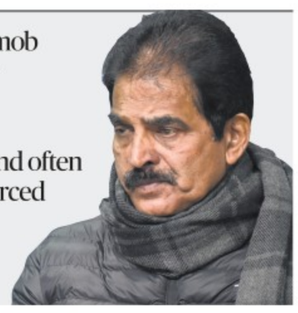
> **K.C. VENUGOPAL**
> Congress general secretary



According to the him, a mob of around 40 people, "reportedly consisting of Bajrang Dal activists", surrounded the house and assaulted those present, including the pastor's family and seven Christian families.

Describing the incident as "despicable and barbaric", Mr. Venugopal said the pastor had been detained, beaten, and publicly humiliated. "His face was smeared with sindoor, a garland of sandals was placed around his neck, and he was paraded publicly," the letter said, adding that the pastor was later tied near a local temple, forced to eat cow dung, made to chant religious slogans, and compelled to drink water from a sewer.

"This was not merely an assault; it was a humiliating public lynching and an act of forced religious coercion, aimed at stripping a citizen of his dignity and faith," he wrote. "Vigilantism and mob justice cannot be tolerated, especially when directed against religious minorities on unverified and often malicious allegations of 'forced conversion'," he said.

Pattern of attacks

Noting a pattern of similar attacks in different parts of Odisha, he said the "repeated silence of the government" was encouraging perpetrators to act with impunity. Urging the Union Home Ministry to intervene, he sought the immediate arrest and prosecution of all those involved, a "time-bound independent probe" into the incident, and protection and rehabilitation for the pastor, his family, and the other displaced families.

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Tender Notification- IISc/ Tender-CIV-18/2025-26
Indian Institute of Science invites bids in two cover system through e-procurement platform **https://eprocure.gov.in.** Any specialized firms company registered under KPWD / CPWD / railways / MES / central PSUs/ or any Government Department of **Class I/ Class A Civil Contractors** are eligible to apply for the work of **"Transvahan shed construction, road access refurbishment including the Supply and Installation of an additional split AC in the battery room of F&A Department, IISc."** Estimated Cost of Project is **Rs. 21,69,776/-.** Last date of receipt of application is **10th Feb 2026 at 15:30 Hrs**. Any other details can be obtained from the office of the Centre for Campus Management & Development, Indian Institute of Science, Bangalore on all working days or e-mail **office.ccmd@iisc.ac.in**
Sd/-, Registrar

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Tenders are invited through KPP Portal: **https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in** for the following works.
1). KPCL/2025-26/OW/WORK_INDENT3887, Date: 20.01.2026 Providing CVT foundations at ODY area and other improvement works at HRD Canteen at RTPS. Amount put to tender: **Rs. 8.86 Lakhs**(Excluding GST). Work completion period: **Two (02) Months.** Further details contact: **Executive Engineer (PCM-2),** Mobile: **94495 96582.**
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3). KPCL/2025-26/EL/WORK_INDENT3713/CALL-2, Date: 20.01.2026 Design, Engineering, Manufacture, Supply, Installation and Commissioning of 2 sets of 220V, 2000Ah capacity Lead acid Tubular in Transparent SAN container battery Bank (Each set consists of 108 No. of 2V, 2000Ah capacity Lead acid Tubular cells)with all accessories and necessary spares to retrofit the existing 2 sets of sets of 220V, 2000Ah capacity Lead acid Tubular in Transparent container (OPzS) battery banks of Unit 7 with buy back arrangement of RTPS. Last Date for submission of bid(both cover 1 & 2): **02.02.2026 upto 17:30Hrs.**
4). KPCL/2025-26/EL/WORK_INDENT3879, Date: 19.01.2026 Design, Engineering, Manufacture, Supply, Installation, Testing and Commissioning of 2 sets of 220V, 600Ah capacity Lead acid Tubular in Transparent SAN container(OPzS) battery Bank (Each set consists of 108 No. of 2V, 600Ah capacity Lead acid Tubular cells) with all accessories and necessary spares to retrofit the existing 2 sets of sets of 220V, 600Ah capacity Lead acid Tubular in Transparent SAN container (OPzS) battery banks of 400KV switchyard with buy back arrangement of RTPS. Last Date for submission of bid(both cover 1 & 2): **30.01.2026 upto 17:30Hrs.** Further details contact: For Sl. No. 3 & 4, **Executive Engineer (GM-2),** Mobile: **94495 96536.** E-mail: **eegm2rtpskpcl@karnataka.gov.in / eegm2.rtps@gmail.com. RTPS, KPCL, Shaktinagar - 584170, Raichur District.**

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KSNDMC invites tenders for the following through e-procurement portal on **"https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in."** Tenders are invited for **(a)** Supply, Installation and Comprehensive Annual maintenance for five years of Telemetric Rain gauge stations in 1530 locations in Karnataka vide Tender No. KSNDMC/2025-26/IND0003. Last date for submission of bid **is 21.02.2026,** pre bid meeting is **on 02.02.2026 at 11.00AM and (b)** Tender No. KSNDMC/2025-26/IND0004 for Supply, installation, refurbishment and Comprehensive annual maintenance of Telemetric Rain gauge stations in 429 locations in Karnataka. Last date for submission of bid **is 23.02.2026,** pre bid meeting is **on 02.02.2026 at 11.00AM** at KSNDMC. Further the tender document details can be obtained through e-procurement portal of GoK.
Sd/- Director

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INBRIEF

Murmu inaugurates 'Granth Kutir' at Rashtrapati Bhavan

President Droupadi Murmu inaugurated 'Granth Kutir' at the Rashtrapati Bhavan on Friday. The Granth Kutir is a library and archival space with a rich collection of manuscripts and books in 11 classical languages of India, including Tamil, Sanskrit, Kannada, Malayalam, Odia, Marathi, Pali, Prakrit, Assamese and Bengali. According to a release issued by the Rashtrapati Bhavan, the Granth Kutir showcases India's rich and diverse cultural, philosophical, literary and intellectual heritage. This facility has a collection of about 2,300 books. Around 50 manuscripts are also part of the collection.

Delhi Police file FIR against Khalistani activist over threats

The Special Cell of the Delhi Police on Friday registered an FIR against Gurpatwant Singh Pannun, general counsel of the Khalistani activist group Sikhs for Justice and a designated terrorist, for allegedly issuing threats to create unrest and disrupt peace in the national capital ahead of Republic Day celebrations. According to the police, the case was registered after Pannun released a video on social media, in which he allegedly threatened to disturb peace in Delhi. In the video, he claimed that his "sleeper cells" had pasted pro-Khalistani posters in various parts of the city, including Rohini and Dabri. No pro-Khalistan posters or related material were found during a verification drive, the police said.

Diversify your fish basket, Union govt. advises States

Fisheries Ministry also pushes for cultivation of a wider variety of species to reduce the risk of disease wiping out a single species; urges States to find new markets, adopt new technologies

A.M. Jigeesh
NEW DELHI

Given recent challenges in seafood exports due to tariff uncertainty and the impact of climate change, the Union Fisheries Ministry is advising States and the fishing industry to diversify their markets and their produce, to reduce the risk of disease and appeal to global customers.

In a recent meeting with State fisheries departments, farmers, fish workers, processors and exporters, the Ministry urged them to cultivate a wider range of species and adopt the latest farming practices, such as the integrated multi-trophic aquaculture to cultivate more fish in the same space, in order to access new global markets.

In fact, Union Fisheries and Animal Husbandry Minister Rajiv Ranjan Singh recently chaired a meeting with envoys from countries seen as potential new markets.

Though invited, the United States was absent from the meeting, which was attended by representatives from more than 40 countries, including China, Russia, Iran, Venezuela, Vietnam, and Saudi Arabia.

To avoid farmers' dependency on whiteleg shrimp, scientists are working on improving two indigenous varieties. KOMMURI SRINIVAS

Reducing risk

A senior Ministry official said that a farmer dependent on one species faces a huge risk. If it is affected by disease, seeds of that particular species could spread from State to State. In 2006-2007, for instance, the white spot syndrome virus destroyed the farming of black tiger shrimp, the popular brackish water species *penaeus monodon*.

"We have been asking farmers to diversify their species. We have a lot of species with us, which have both domestic and international demand," the official said. "We have asked States to promote species diversification in inland aquaculture by promoting scampi, tilapia, pangasius in place of varieties such as rohu (*Labeo rohita*) and catla (*Catla catla*) which do not have a global market presence. We will help States to create production and processing clusters where production, processing, value addition, and export could be done for the benefit of farmers and can create jobs locally," the official added.

To avoid farmers' dependency on *Litopenaeus vannamei* (whiteleg shrimp) and to ensure disease-free species, government scientists are now working on improving two indigenous varieties – *Penaeus indicus* (Indian white prawn) and *Penaeus monodon* (giant tiger prawn).

"Both have good export markets. We are exporting these species to over 100 countries," the official said.

Global demand

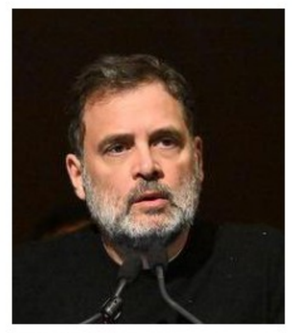
The official said that there is huge international demand for certain finfish like seabass as its meat quality is good. Kerala's popular *karimeen*, or pearl spot, also has an international appeal.

"Both can be cultivated in brackish waters. We are now trying to develop this variety particularly in States such as Punjab, Haryana, Uttar Pradesh and Rajasthan where in many parts, groundwater is saline. We want to turn the waste land into wealth land," the official added.

The Centre has also decided to help States in promoting seaweed marine cage culture, a common practice in China and Norway. "... Each State has its own fish eating culture. We will cultivate fish according to these culinary traditions," the official said.

Rahul demands PM's intervention to save tariff-hit textile sector

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI



Rahul Gandhi

He says, units are closing, procurement is decreasing, and there is widespread turmoil in the sector

The Leader of the Opposition in the Lok Sabha, Rahul Gandhi, on Friday flagged what he called a "deepening crisis" in India's textile sector due to the high U.S. tariffs and urged Prime Minister Narendra Modi to intervene, saying the issue was threatening jobs and small businesses.

Sharing a video on X from his recent visit to a garment factory in Haryana, Mr. Gandhi said that "50% U.S. tariffs and uncertainty are badly hurting India's textile exporters". "Job losses, factory shutdowns and reduced orders are a reality of our 'Dead Economy'," he said.

Accusing the Prime Minister of inaction, Mr. Gandhi said, "Mr. Modi has offered no relief or even spoken about tariffs, even though more than 4.5 crore jobs and lakhs of businesses are at stake. Modi *ji*, you are accountable; please direct your attention to this matter!"

'Trade deal urgent'

The Congress leader stressed that India must urgently secure a trade agreement with the U.S. that prioritises domestic interests. "It is imperative that India secures a U.S. trade deal that puts Indian businesses and Indian workers first," he said.

He said India's textile industry, which he described as "the second largest employer in our economy", was facing pressure on multiple fronts. "Our textiles are loved worldwide, and the craftsmanship of our tailors is truly unparalleled. Yet today, this industry is facing deep uncertainty and fear because of U.S. tariffs," he said.

Workers faced the direct impact, he said. "Units are closing, procurement is decreasing, and there is widespread turmoil across the entire sector," he said.

Ambitious scheme to spur next-generation battery manufacturing in India hits hurdle

Jacob Koshy
NEW DELHI

Delays in visa approvals for Chinese technical specialists, requirements that mandate local manufacturing, and the lack of critical technologies threaten the government's ambitious Advanced Chemistry Cell Production Linked Incentive (ACC-PLI) scheme, says a report by research firms Institute for Energy Economics and Financial Analysis and JMK Research and Analytics released earlier this week. The scheme was launched in October 2021 to catalyse domestic, next-generation battery manufacturing.

As of October 2025, however, only 1.4 gigawatt-hour (GWh) worth of battery cells have been commissioned on time while 8.6 GWh is under development, but delayed. The 2021 plan had envisaged battery cell-manufacturing capacity of 50 GWh by 2026.

Losing steam: While several companies flocked to bid for 50 GWh capacity at auctions, only 30 GWh was effectively allotted. FILE PHOTO

Advanced Chemistry Cells are components of modern batteries using technologies such as lithium-ion to run electric vehicles and are different from the classical lead-acid batteries that start a car or run inverters.

The ACC-PLI scheme, launched by the Ministry of Heavy Industries, promised emergent battery manufacturers, who won an auction, a certain amount of money for every battery they sold, as a way to incentivise investment in the sector.

The government's scheme also aimed to build a local battery supply chain and accelerate electric vehicle (EV) and energy storage adoption.

Currently, China is the dominant supplier of such cells and one of the aims of the scheme is to reduce India's dependence on the country. With an outlay of ₹18,100 crore ($2.08 billion), the ACC-PLI sought to attract large companies by mandating a minimum investment of ₹1,100 crore ($129.3 million). In return, companies would receive maximum subsidy of ₹2,000 per kWh. Another mandate was that the companies should ensure 25% of the manufacturing was local within two years, and 60% within five years.

Huge interest

While several companies flocked to bid for 50 GWh capacity in the initial round of auctions, only 30 GWh was effectively allotted. Ola Electric, Reliance New Energy, Hyundai Global, and Rajesh Exports emerged as the selected beneficiaries, though Hyundai Global eventually dropped out. None of the selected companies actually had expertise in battery manufacturing. Companies that had such experience – Amara Raja and Exide Industries – though in traditional lead-acid ones, were priced out of the auction. "The high net-worth requirement (a minimum of ₹2.25 billion per GWh) further restricted participation to large corporates," the report notes.

Because none of the three companies have started selling batteries, zero incentives have been disbursed against the targeted ₹2,900 crore by October 2025.

"India lacks a mature cell manufacturing ecosystem, including critical mineral refining and cell component production, which leaves the industry almost entirely dependent on imports from China," the report underlines.

Webinar on careers in biotechnology to be held tomorrow

The Hindu Bureau
CHENNAI

As industries move towards more human-centric, sustainable, and technology-integrated modes under Industry 5.0, biotechnology is gradually emerging as a critical driver powering innovations in various fields.

VIT Chennai and *The Hindu* have joined hands to examine this growth through a series of webinars.

The first webinar on the topic "Careers in Biotechnology: What you need to know" will be held at 11.30 a.m. on Sunday.

The session will feature G. Jayaraman, professor and dean, School of Bio Sciences and Technology, VIT Chennai; P.R. Yashavanth, assistant professor, School of Bio Sciences and Technology, VIT Chennai; J.N. Nidhya, alumni and entrepreneur, SpotDot Bioinnovations, IIT Madras Research Park; and Venkata Krishna B., senior researcher and lead, Prayoga Institute of Education Research, Bengaluru. The session will be moderated by Athira Elssa Johnson, senior reporter, *The Hindu*.

Those interested may register on https://newsth.live/THVITBTE.

Poll bodies of 42 nations to work together on key issues

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

The election management bodies of 42 countries on Friday resolved to work together on five key issues, including purity of electoral rolls, conduct of polls, and use of technology.

As part of the Delhi Declaration adopted on the concluding day of the three-day International Conference on Democracy and Election Management 2026 here, the EBMs also resolved to work together on research and publications, use of technology, and training and capacity-building.

The declaration was read out by Chief Election Commissioner of India, Gyanesh Kumar, along with Election Commissioners Sukhbir Singh Sandhu and Vivek Joshi.

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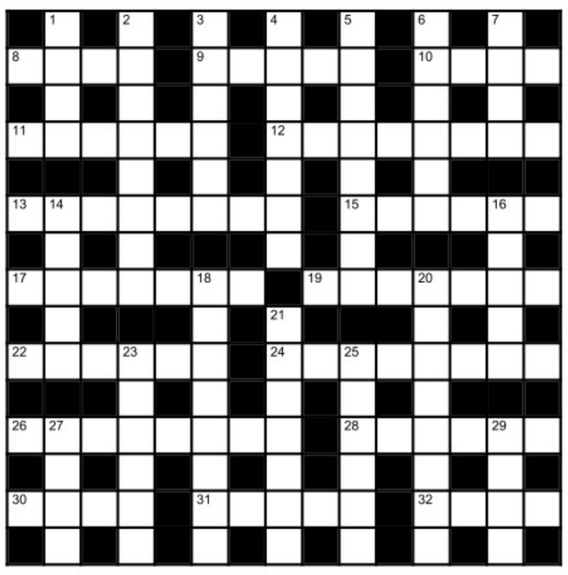

Across

8 In absence of wife, owner goes bonkers in city (4)
9 Lady dancing with new singer (5)
10 Runs around vessels to keep the Ashes? (4)
11 Little dogs going around India in attractive posters (3-3)
12 Spillage from intoxicated lover of women (8)
13 Gets irritated about period at end of voyage in cheap accommodation (8)
15 Some delay included in a kind of test results in harrowing situation (6)
17 Cricketer starting to take terrific interest in criminal group (7)
19 Vole is running in part of garden, dear (7)
22 Type of letter hidden in hospital icepacks (6)
24 They may have pipe dreams... (8)
26 Broken knee lost in bony structure (8)
28 Goes in and puts in cell (6)
30 Animal from Kamareddy (4)
31 Where birds may reside in cleanest surroundings (5)
32 Sisters sauntering around without gaiters endlessly (4)

Down

1 Place to sleep with one bowler (4)
2 Deed produced by guide covering university monument in the beginning (8)
3 Port does as arranged (6)
4 Permitted flying owl to be caged in crooked deal (7)
5 Cover endless envy and run away to marry (8)
6 Polished editor chasing fan (6)
7 Short general leaving dungeon may reverse action (4)
14 Endless taste, including egg and roasted bread (5)
16 In absence of host, cook horse meat for ruler (5)
18 Notice wrongly displayed covering a new chemical (8)
20 Small part inside O ring is going around (8)
21 Bridge is hot from Spain (7)
23 Flowers from lake on one extraordinary isle (6)
25 Discomfort from wild sea in university navigation expedition, for starters (6)
27 Katy counterfeited our neighbour's currency (4)
29 Used a bell in Srirangapatna (4)

SUDOKU

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Solution to previous puzzle

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Solution to yesterday's Sudoku

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FAITH

Do good, earn grace

Human nature seeks comfort and instinctively avoids hardship. Yet, often against our wishes, we are destined to face difficulties in life. The root cause of such experiences lies in our *punya* (merit) and *papa* (demerit). It is not easy for an individual to precisely define what constitutes a good deed or a sinful one; hence, the *Sastras* provide this guidance. Acharya Sri Kurathazhvan beautifully explains that any act which pleases the Lord is *punya*, while any act that displeases Him is *papa*. Thus, divine pleasure and displeasure become the true measures of merit and sin.

In a discourse, Velukkudi Sri Krishnan swami explained that actions that purify us, remove our afflictions, erase the effects of past misdeeds, bring about inner and outer well-being, and expand *subha-mangala*, while invoking the Lord's love and compassion towards us, are known as *punya*. On the other hand, sinful deeds are those that lead to one's downfall, cause sorrow and distress, destroy accumulated good, become the root cause of adverse consequences, and arouse the displeasure of the Lord.

Our actions should be directed not merely towards our own good, but towards the good of others as well. The fruits of our deeds –virtuous or sinful – may manifest immediately, later in this very life, or even in lives yet to come. The timing and manner of these results are known to God alone.

How do we determine whether an act is virtuous or sinful? A simple self-test is this: whatever causes us pain or grief should not be inflicted upon others. Conversely, actions that bring us happiness and joy, when extended to others, become acts of *punya* (merit).

INBRIEF

Rupee hits an all-time low of 92/U.S. Dollar; settles at 91.90

The rupee hit a historic low of 92-a-dollar on Friday and gained marginally to settle at 91.90 against the American currency, amid selling pressure from foreign funds and risk-off sentiment in global markets. Forex traders said the rupee gave up early gains and hit a record low of 92 per U.S. dollar in intraday trade due to weak domestic markets and persistent foreign fund outflows. Gains in crude prices and a surge in U.S. treasury yields weighed on the rupee. PTI

IndusInd Q3 net slumps 88.5% on net interest income decline

IndusInd Bank's standalone net profit declined 88.5% to ₹161 crore in the quarter ended December 2025 as against ₹1,401 crore in the same period last year. The bank's net interest income (NII) reduced 13% to ₹4,562 crore as against ₹5,228 crore in the year-ago period. Net interest margin dipped to 3.5% from 3.9% in the year earlier. Gross NPAs as a share of total advances increased to 3.6% in the reporting quarter as against 2.2% in the year-ago period.

Zoho Corporation unveils resource planning software

Zoho Corporation has launched an enterprise resource planning (ERP) solution for business houses. Co-founder of Zoho Corporation Sridhar Vembu and CEO of Zoho Payment Technologies Sivaramakrishnan Iswaran said Zoho ERP is an alternative to the enterprise resource planning solutions available globally. The product, offered on monthly or annual subscription, brings together management of finance, billing, spending, supply chain and payroll management.

SEBI accuses PwC, EY executives of insider trading, notice shows

Markets regulator alleges insider trading in Yes Bank deal; also accuses Carlyle, Advent officials of sharing unpublished price sensitive details

Reuters
MUMBAI

Action reply: The accused individuals and their firms are said to be in the process of drafting their responses to SEBI's notice. REUTERS

India's securities regulator has accused current and former executives at the local units of PwC and EY, among others, of breaching insider trading rules involving a 2022 share sale by Yes Bank, according to a regulatory notice.

The Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) also accused executives at U.S. private equity firms Carlyle Group and Advent International of sharing unpublished price sensitive information related to the deal, in violation of insider trading rules, according to the notice, which was reviewed by *Reuters*.

Advent, Carlyle, EY, PwC, Yes Bank and SEBI did not respond to requests for comment.

Issued in November, the notice, which has not been reported previously and is not public, alleges two executives at PwC and EY and five other family members and friends made unlawful gains by trading in shares of Yes Bank ahead of its 2022 share offering.

Most of the accused individuals are still serving at their respective firms.

SEBI's notice showed India executives of Carlyle, Advent, PwC, and EY shared unpublished price sensitive information, enabling others to trade on the information. It also accused a former Yes Bank board member of sharing price sensitive information enabling others to trade.

The notice from the regulator followed an investigation into movements in Yes Bank's shares ahead of a July 2022, share offering, in which Carlyle and Advent bought a combined 10% stake for $1.1 billion.

The shares of the bank opened 6% higher a day after the deal was announced on July 29, 2022. The accused individuals, along with their companies, are in the process of drafting their responses to SEBI's notice, according to two people familiar with the investigation, who declined to be named due to sensitivity of the matter.

Adani shares tank after SEC seeks to bypass India on summons

Ashokamithran T.
MUMBAI

Adani Green tanked the most, crashing 13.8% to ₹779.4 a share; NDTV declined 4.5% on the NSE

Shares of Adani Enterprises Ltd. tanked 10.76% to ₹1,861.80 a share after the U.S Securities Exchange Commission (SEC) moved a U.S. court to bypass India and send summons to the conglomerate on bribery cases. The stock, which opened at ₹2,080, went on a free fall to hit the day's high of ₹2,082, before dropping to ₹1,848 and settling at the day's close.

Adani Green tanked the most, crashing 13.8% to ₹779.4 a share. Adani Power, Adani Total Gas and Ambuja Cements fell about 5% each. ACC Cements fell 3%, while New Delhi Television (NDTV) declined 4.5% on the NSE.

India, the SEC said, has previously refused two requests to serve the summons. The Law Ministry had turned down the first one sent in April 2025, on May 1, 2025, citing the absence of an "ink signature" on the SEC's cover letter and a seal on the documents, neither of which is required under the Hague Convention.

The second, sent in September 2025, was also rejected by the ministry, stating that the law did not explicitly mention "summons." "The Ministry appeared to suggest that the SEC lacks authority to invoke the Hague Convention or seek service of the summonses."

In its filing with the New York Eastern District Court, the SEC said, "Facts confirm that defendants [Adani] are fully aware of the litigation and are actively managing their response. Accordingly, service by delivery of the summonses and complaint to defendants' attorneys and by email directly to defendants is not only permissible under Rule 4(f)(3), but also fully consistent with the notice required by due process... For these reasons, the SEC respectfully requests an order, in the form filed herewith, authorising alternative methods of service by delivery of the summons and complaint.

MARKETS

MARKET WATCH

	FRIDAY	% CHANGE
Sensex	81,538	-0.94
US Dollar	91.90	-0.34
Gold	1,58,700	0.95
Brent oil	65.82	2.41

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	PRICE	CHANGE
Adani Enter	1864.20	-222.20
Adani Ports	1308.40	-105.80
Apollo Hosp	6803.00	6.00
Asian Paints	2703.70	-0.10
Axis Bank	1258.00	-36.80
Bajaj Auto	9413.50	43.50
Bajaj Finserv	1949.00	-44.10
Bajaj Finance	927.85	-15.00
Bharat Elec	410.70	-6.60
Bharti Airtel	1984.70	-17.50
Cipla	1315.00	-55.40
Coal India	418.40	-4.80
Dr Reddys Lab	1235.60	18.10
Hindustan Unilever	40.20	DE*
Eicher Motors	6973.00	-76.00
Eternal Ltd.	258.70	-17.20
Grasim Ind	2759.00	-28.60
HCL Tech	1707.00	3.90
HDFC Bank	916.10	-2.60
HDFC Life	712.10	-13.00
Hindalco	950.30	5.85
Hind Unilever	2409.50	18.90
ICICI Bank	1343.40	-2.10
IntGlobeAvi	4704.50	-204.50
Infosys	1670.80	7.30
ITC	323.40	-1.45
Jio Financial Services Ltd.	252.90	-9.70
JSW Steel	1170.00	-14.40
Kotak Bank	422.80	-3.20
L&T	3743.80	-50.00
M&M	3543.40	-30.30
Maruti Suzuki	15469.00	-296.00
Max Healthcare	991.40	-7.40
NestleIndia	1293.80	-12.20
NTPC	336.70	-5.75
ONGC	245.47	1.46
PowerGrid Corp	254.15	-5.10
Reliance Ind	1386.10	-16.40
SBI Life	2002.60	-19.40
State Bank	1029.50	-18.85
Shriram Finance Ltd.	1003.55	-1.95
Sun Pharma	1631.90	-2.30
TataConsumerProduct	1153.50	-21.70
Tata Steel	187.61	-1.49
TCS	3162.50	12.10
Tech Mahindra	1701.10	13.70
Titan	4021.80	3.20
Tata Motors PV	344.45	-2.85
Trent Ltd.	3755.90	-47.90
UltraTech Cement	12369.00	5.00
Wipro	238.40	-2.25

DE: Demerged Entity

SAT grants partial relief to Avadhut Sathe, orders ₹100 cr. deposit

Ashokamithran T.
MUMBAI

The Securities Appellate Tribunal (SAT) has directed Avadhut Sathe Trading Academy Pvt. Ltd. to deposit ₹100 crore, granting partial relief in its appeal challenging the market regulator's interim order that had asked the academy and its owners to pay ₹546 crore for alleged illegal gains.

The court also ordered that the paras in the interim order freezing the bank accounts and barring appellants from trading shall cease to apply on payment of the amount.

"In view of the fact that fixed assets are worth ₹100 crore, taking into consideration the tax component of ₹166 crore, in our view, ends of justice would be met by directing the appellants to deposit a sum of ₹100 crore in the bank and restraining them from alienating the fixed assets," Justice P.S. Dinesh Kumar wrote in the order.

Granules Q3 net profit rises 28%

Granules India posted 28% higher net profit for the third quarter ended December at ₹150.2 crore compared with ₹117.6 crore a year earlier.

BPCL to boost oil supply from Brazil's Petrobras

Saptaparno Ghosh
NEW DELHI

As India seeks to diversify their avenues for oil import, State-owned refiner, Bharat Petroleum, would enhance the term contract to procure crude oil from Brazil's Petrobras, as per a government statementgovernment release issued on Friday evening.

This would result in BPCL procuring 12 million barrels of Brazilian crude from Petrobras for $780 million in the upcoming financial year. The quantum is twice that under the previous deal inked by the two majors in February last year which was for six million barrels over one year.

Indian Oil also maintains a commercial agreement with the Brazilian firm to procure crude.

HCL to buy Finergic for 19 mn Singapore Dollars

Mini Tejaswi
BENGALURU

HCLTech, a global technology firm, has signed a definitive agreement to acquire Finergic Solutions Pte. Ltd., a boutique wealth consulting firm headquartered in Singapore, for a total cash consideration of 19 million Singapore dollars to boost its digital transformation offerings for the wealth management industry, as per a filing on Friday.

Founded in 2019, Finergic focuses on core banking and wealth management transformation and has a strong global presence, according to a media release.

Finergic reported a revenue of 12.6 million Singapore Dollars during calendar year 2024.

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2)	Schedule Available Date & Time	22-01-2026, 17:00 Hrs onwards
3)	Pre-Bid meeting Date & Time	05-02-2026, 11:00 Hrs
4)	Bid Submission closing Date & Time	20-02-2026, 15:00 Hrs
5)	Pre-Qualification / Technical Bid Opening Date & Time	23-02-2026, 12:00 Hrs
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NIB Code: WRD2526A0615
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Notice inviting Bid for 01 work (Rehabilitation of Jaswant Sagar Irrigation Project, District-Jodhpur) Rs. 1774.82 Lacs in the State of Rajasthan India invited from interested bidders' Date of sale of Bid 13.01.2026 to 13.02.2026 up to 13:00 hours. Date of receiving of Bid 13.02.2026 up to 18:00 hours and Bid will be opened on 16.02.2026 at 15:00 hours. Other particulars of the Bid may be visited on the **http://sppp.raj.nic.in** and **http://eproc.rajasthan.gov.in** of the state and Water Resources department Rajasthan website.
UBN: WRD2526WLOB02099
Chief Engineer
DIPR/C/794/2026 Water Resources Zone Jodhpur

Office of the Superintending Engineer Water resources Circle SriGanganagar
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(NIB Code- WRN2526A0129)
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UBN No :- WRN2526WLOB00421
Superintending Engineer
DIPR/C/825/2026 Water Resources Circle SriGanganagar

Municipal Council, Dausa
Phone & Fax: 01427-220054 Email :-dausa.jaipur@yahoo.com
Lalsot Road, Dausa-303303
No :- NPD Dausa/SBM/2025-26/6223 Date 16-01-2026
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Publishing Date & Time . 16.01.2026 at 10:00 Hrs
Bid Document Download start Date & Time 16.01.2026 at 10:00 Hrs
Bid Document submission end Date & Time 05.02.2026 at 18:00 Hrs on http://eproc.rajasthan.gov.in
Bid Physically submission Date & Time 06.02.2026 at 11:00 Hrs (Hard copy documents)
Other particulars of the bid may be visited on the Procurement Portal (http://sppp.rajasthan.gov.in, http://eproc.rajasthan.gov.in) of the State. The approximate value of the procurement is Rs 492.20 Lac.
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Website: **https://eprocure.gov.in/eprocure/app.**
Sd/-, Director

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क्रमांकः - 2986 दिनांक :- 05/01/2026
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कार्यालय अतिरिक्त मुख्य अभियन्ता, सार्वजनिक निर्माण विभाग, संभाग द्वितीय जोधपुर (मुख्यालय बाड़मेर)
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BANGKOK

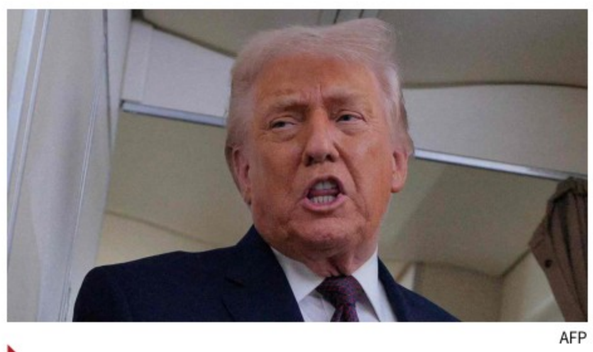
'Myanmar military strike on village sheltering displaced people kills 21'

AFP

A military air strike this week on Hteelin village in Myanmar, sheltering displaced people from the northern township of Bhamo, where a final round of the country's three-phase election is to be held this weekend, killed 21 people and left 28 people wounded, an ethnic rebel group and local media said on Friday. AP

WASHINGTON

U.S. 'armada' headed toward Gulf, Washington watching Iran: Trump



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President Donald Trump said a U.S. "armada" was heading toward the Gulf and that Washington was watching Iran closely, even after downplaying the prospect of imminent military action. "We're watching Iran," he said. "I'd rather not see anything happen but we're watching them very closely." AFP

TOKYO

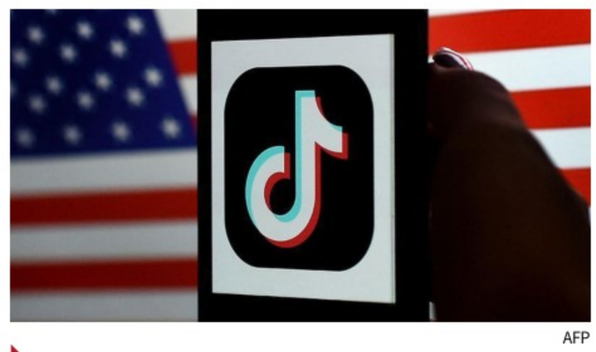
Japan's Takaichi dissolves lower house, setting up early election

AFP

Japanese Prime Minister Sanae Takaichi dissolved the lower house of parliament on Friday, paving the way for an early election on February 8. The move is an attempt to capitalise on her popularity to help the governing party regain ground, but it will delay parliamentary approval for a Budget. AP

WASHINGTON

TikTok finalises deal to form U.S.-based entity, ending uncertainty



AFP

TikTok has finalised a deal to create a U.S.-based entity with investors Oracle, Silver Lake and MGX, securing data and algorithm protections to avoid a ban. Former operations head Adam Presser will lead the venture as its CEO. President Donald Trump praised the deal, ending years of uncertainty over TikTok's U.S. future. AP

India, EU will upgrade ties; trade deal still in the works

The trade agreement would be announced next week during the India-EU summit in Delhi; a new Defence and Security partnership and a deal on information security are also on the agenda

Sriram Lakshman
LONDON

Strategic ties: Narendra Modi attends the India-EU Virtual Summit 2020 with Ursula von der Leyen, bottom, in New Delhi. AFP

India and the EU are continuing to hammer out the details of a trade agreement less than 72 hours before European leaders arrive in India for the 16th EU-India Summit. The summit, scheduled for January 27, is centred around a 'free trade' agreement (FTA), which has been in the works for more than two decades and is proving difficult to negotiate with "sensitivities" around agriculture, carbon border taxes, service delivery and non-tariff barriers.

Other agreements on the agenda for the next week are a new Defence and Security partnership, an agreement on information security and a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) on a mobility framework.

A joint statement will lay out a new strategic roadmap, outlined in the joint statement, setting the course of the India-EU partnership for the next five years. Deeper cooperation is expected to be announced across various dimensions, including climate change, supply chains and critical minerals, humanitarian assistance and disaster relief, as well as cooperation at multilateral forums.

Commerce Secretary Rajesh Agrawal had confirmed on January 15 that "sensitive agricultural issues on both sides" were off the table. EU officials in Brussels briefing the media on Friday declined to provide details of the trade deal, including agricultural trade. They, however, did confirm that it would be announced – but not signed – next week.

"I can just confirm that it is our objective to complete the negotiations. Of course, that's the first step. We're not talking about signature in Delhi, but we're talking about conclusion of the negotiations," an EU official said on Friday. A recent deal between the EU and Mercosur countries of South America has run into trouble around agricultural and other concerns. The European Parliament on January 21 referred the deal to the highest EU court, potentially delaying its implementation.

Apart from trade, the fact that a Defence and Security agreement that would be signed next week is "significant", another EU official said. "It is only the third such comprehensive agreement we've concluded in Asia, after Japan and the Republic of Korea."

The agreement will establish a framework, rather than stipulating specifics in terms of co-production deals, joint military exercises or the transfer of technology.

Technology transfer

On whether the defence agreement would address technology transfer from the EU to India, one EU official said: "It does, but of course, it remains, even after the agreement, subject to the discretion of the companies and also of the countries allowing for these exports."

The security partnership also raises the question of Russia – a core issue on which India and the EU have glaring differences. European officials have more recently acknowledged that New Delhi and Brussels have very different approaches to Russia even as the EU objected to India's participation in the Zapad 2025 military exercises in Russia and Belarus, and has repeatedly taken issue with India's oil trade with Russia. New Delhi has accused Brussels of singling it out in these matters and pointed to the EU's own trade with Russia.

On Friday, officials acknowledged that India and the EU had different histories with Russia. India was "far away" geographically from the Russia-Ukraine conflict. A dialogue on security threats was therefore all the more important to understand the concerns of both sides so the "optimum" level of cooperation can be determined, an official said.

The sides are also planning to conclude an MoU on mobility that will address the movement of four categories of workers – highly skilled workers, students, researchers and seasonal workers – whose movement is already addressed by the blocs legislation. The number of individuals admitted to each EU country will be up to the country, an official said.

The two sides are committed to taking the India Middle East Europe Economic (IMEC) Corridor forward, one official said, with feasibility studies being planned.

U.K. hits back after Trump comment on NATO troops

Agence France-Presse
LONDON

U.K. Prime Minister Keir Starmer on Friday denounced as "insulting" Donald Trump's claim that British troops avoided the front line in Afghanistan, amid widespread anger at the U.S. President's remarks.

In an interview with *Fox News* aired on Thursday, Mr. Trump appeared unaware that 457 British soldiers were among NATO troops who died during the conflict in the South Asian country following the September 11 attacks on the United States.

Troops from other NATO ally countries including Canada, France, Germany, Italy and Denmark and others also died.

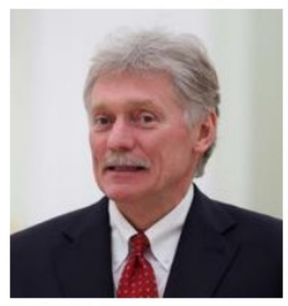
Russia demands Ukraine's Donbas region before talks

Agence France-Presse
ABU DHABI

Russia said it was not dropping its key demand that Ukraine pull out of its eastern Donbas region, ahead of three-way talks between Ukrainian, Russian and American officials in the UAE later on Friday.

Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy said territory remained the key issue and would be on the agenda for the talks, which look set to be the first direct public negotiations between Moscow and Kyiv on a plan being pushed by U.S. President Donald Trump to end the almost four-year-long war.

High-level teams from the three countries were headed for Abu Dhabi for the negotiations – a day after Mr. Trump met with Mr. Zelenskyy in Davos and hours after U.S. envoy Steve Witkoff held late-night talks with Vladimir Putin in the Kremlin.



Dmitry Peskov

While a diplomatic push to end Europe's worst conflict since the Second World War has gained pace in recent weeks, Moscow and Kyiv remain at odds over the key issue of territory in a post-war settlement.

Russia, which launched its invasion in 2022, said on Friday it was not dropping its maximalist demand that Kyiv withdraw from the eastern Donbas region – a term deemed unacceptable to Ukraine.

"Russia's position is well known on the fact that Ukraine, Ukrainian armed forces, have to leave the territory of the Donbas. They must be withdrawn from there," Kremlin spokesperson Dmitry Peskov said. "This is a very important condition," he added.

"The Donbas is a key issue," Mr. Zelensky told presspersons on Friday, ahead of the talks.

Kyiv has warned that ceding ground will embolden Moscow and says it will not sign a peace deal that fails to deter Russia from launching a renewed assault.

GOVERNMENT OF KARNATAKA
Directorate of Health and Family Welfare Services
Arogya Soudha, Leprosy Hospital Campus, Magadi road, Bengaluru-23
Phone No: 080 23295628, email id: jdabdm-hfws@karnataka.gov.in

No. HFWS-1080FILE/71/2025-EMRI-Part (1) (E-2040429) Date:23/01/2026
Tender. No: IND KDHS/2025-26/IND0001

TENDER THROUGH E-PROCUREMENT

"For Supply and Installation of Desktops with dual and single monitors, photocopier machine & laptops."

The Joint Director-ABDM invites tender from Original Equipment Manufacturers/Authorized Suppliers with necessary documents, Tender Notification for "Supply and Installation of Desktops with dual and single monitors, photocopier machine & laptops."

The detailed notification regarding eligibility and other details can be obtained by logging on to **https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in** The Invitation for Tender document can be downloaded through "KPP Portal" from Dt: **23/01/2026** onwards and last date for receipt of tender is on or before Dt : **12/02/2026 at 05.30pm.**

Further details can be obtained from the office of the undersigned during the office hours from **11:00am to 05:30pm.**

Sd/-
Joint Director,
Ayushman Bharat Digital Mission

DIPR/CP/5211/Zen/2025-26

BHAKRA BEAS MANAGEMENT BOARD

NOTICE INVITING APPLICATION

Notice No.: 11/BBMB/CS/C-203 Dated: 23.01.2026

Applications are invited for **Engagement of a Social Expert on contract basis under the Dam Rehabilitation and Improvement Project Phase II & III.** Detailed Terms of Reference, Application and CV format are available at **www.bbmb.gov.in.** Eligible candidates shall send their application at e-mail **dir-consultancy@bbmb.nic.in** and hard copy in the office of **Director/Consultancy, BBMB, Sector-19B, Chandigarh by 06.02.2026.**

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Allow Awami League to contest election, says Hasina

Kallol Bhattacherjee
NEW DELHI

Sheikh Hasina

The deposed Prime Minister of Bangladesh, Sheikh Hasina, on Friday demanded that the interim government in Dhaka, led by Chief Adviser Mohammed Yunus, allow her party, the Awami League, to participate in the upcoming February 12 election. Ms. Hasina's recorded audio message was played at a press conference organised by the Foreign Correspondents' Club of South Asia, marking the first time Ms. Hasina had addressed a collective media platform since arriving in India on August 5, 2024, after a student-led uprising toppled her government.

"If he talks about democracy and means it, then why not allow the Awami League to contest the elections? Let the people decide whom they want," said Ms. Hasina in a speech delivered in both English and Bengali.

Ms. Hasina was sentenced to death by the International Crimes Tribunal (ICT) in Dhaka for her role in the July-August 2024 crackdown against protesters who demanded her resignation following a movement that began over government quota in education and employment. Along with Ms. Hasina, former Home Minister Asaduzzaman Khan Kamal was also sentenced to death in a verdict delivered by the ICT on November 17, 2025. The interim government has banned the Awami League and its student wing, the Chhatra League.

"Yes, if there is a free, fair, and independent election and the people do not vote for the Awami League, then the Awami League will accept it," said Ms. Hasina, who has been living at an undisclosed location in India since leaving Dhaka by helicopter on August 5, 2024.

'Pall of fear'

In her speech, Ms. Hasina highlighted the plight of minority communities in Bangladesh, saying they "face continuous persecution under the interim government". She added that Bangladesh faces "mob terror", noting, "The frenzy of militant extremists has cast a pall of fear across the nation."

Bangladesh is preparing for elections scheduled for February 12, and the same day a referendum will be held on the 'July Charter,' a set of proposed principles intended to bring changes to Bangladesh's Constitution.

'Uganda detains 2,000 Opposition supporters'

Reuters
NAIROBI

Uganda's military chief said on Friday that authorities had detained 2,000 Opposition supporters, killed 30 and were hunting for more following a disputed presidential election in which his father Yoweri Museveni, won a seventh term.

Mr. Museveni, 81, who has led the East African nation for nearly four decades, was declared to have resoundingly defeated Bobi Wine, Leader of the Opposition National Unity Platform party in the Jan. 15 vote, held during an Internet blackout.

In a series of overnight social media posts, military chief Muhoozi Kainerugaba, Museveni's son, gave the details of the arrests and killings of NUP supporters, describing them as hooligans and terrorists.

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IDEAL BATTER

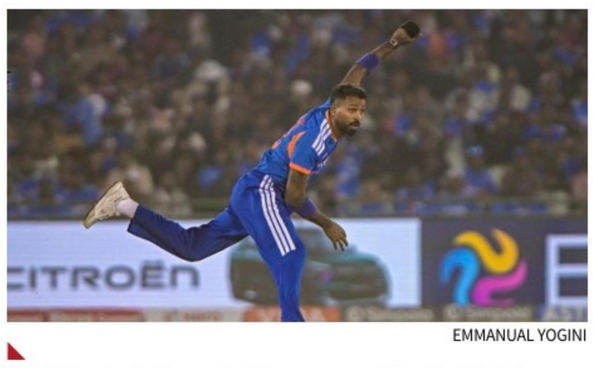
I thought it was incredible, says Suryakumar on Kishan's innings

EMMANUAL YOGINI

I don't know what Ishan (Kishan) had for lunch in the afternoon, but I've never seen anyone bat at six for two in that manner and still end the PowerPlay around 67 or 70. I thought it was incredible. When we are chasing 210 (*sic*), this is what we want from batters – to go out there, and express themselves — Suryakumar Yadav.

GOING PAST KOHLI

Hardik becomes Team India's second-most capped T20I player



EMMANUAL YOGINI

Hardik Pandya (126 matches) has surpassed Virat Kohli (125) to become India's second-most capped player in T20 Internationals, achieving the milestone during the second match against New Zealand. The all-rounder is second only to former India skipper Rohit Sharma (159).

REPLACEMENT

Kiwis pick Jamieson in place of injured Milne in T20 WC squad

K.R. DEEPAK

New Zealand has drafted travelling reserve Kyle Jamieson into its T20 World Cup squad after fellow-pacer Adam Milne was ruled out of the marquee event with a torn left hamstring. Milne suffered the injury in the first over of the SA20 clash between Sunrisers Eastern Cape and MI Cape Town last Sunday.

AGONISING WAIT

Fear of failure might have crept in: Rohit on 13-year WC title drought

FILE PHOTO: K.R. DEEPAK

Fear of failure among batters may have contributed to India's ICC World Cup title drought between 2011 and 2024, said former captain Rohit Sharma. "I felt it might have been a fear of failure creeping into all of us, maybe yes, maybe not, I don't know, but that was my feeling," Rohit said in a JioHotstar show.

Kishan, Suryakumar make it a cakewalk for India

The two add 122 off just 48 balls after the early dismissals of the openers to take the game away from the Kiwis; Dube chips in with a cameo as the host chases down 209 with consummate ease

NZ IN INDIA

C. Shyam Sundar
RAIPUR

Ishan Kishan always looks like a man in a hurry. Back in the national set-up, the flashy southpaw didn't let the early dismissal of the openers curb his natural attacking instincts as he flayed a 32-ball 76 (11x4, 4x6) to power India to a dominant seven-wicket win in the second T20I against New Zealand at the Shaheed Veer Narayan Singh International Stadium here on Friday.

After Kishan's pyrotechnics, captain Suryakumar Yadav (82 n.o., 37b, 9x4, 4x6) unfurled some brilliant shots. He took the team home in the company of Shivam Dube (36 n.o., 18b, 1x4, 3x6) with 28 balls to spare as India made it 2-0.

After Sanju Samson fell for six and Abhishek Sharma departed for a golden duck, the Jharkhand batter wasted no time in wading into the opposition bowlers. His blistering 122-run stand for the third wicket from just 48 deliveries with Suryakumar made it a walk in the park for the Men in Blue while chasing a target of 209. It was a forgettable night for Mitchell Santner & Co. with the ball as Kishan and Suryakumar hardly put a foot wrong. The two peppered the boundary repeatedly, coming up with delightful shots.

Pacer Zak Foulkes bore the brunt of Kishan and Suryakumar's thrilling strokeplay as he conceded 49 runs in his first two overs.

Earlier, Santner's unbeaten 27-ball 47 (6x4, 1x6) enabled New Zealand make 208 for six in 20 overs in an effort which saw them fail to seize the initiative when presented with the chance.

Sent in to bat, the Kiwis appeared to fritter away a flying start provided by Devon Conway (19, 9b, 3x4, 1x6) and Tim Seifert (24, 13b, 5x4). They kept losing wickets when poised for the push with only Rachin Ravindra (44, 26b, 2x4, 4x6) and Santner being able to force the pace.

Up against an attack missing the rested Jasprit Bumrah and the injured Axar Patel, Conway picked up 18 runs in the opening over from Arshdeep Singh.

The left-arm pacer conceded an equal number of runs in the third over as Seifert hit four consecutive boundaries.

Spinner Kuldeep Yadav signalled a return to form, picking up two wickets, while the other bowlers made sure that the visitor didn't run away with the contest after a rapid start.

Demolition job: Suryakumar and Kishan made a mockery of the target as India romped home with 28 balls to spare. EMMANUAL YOGINI

SCOREBOARD

NEW ZEALAND
Devon Conway c Hardik b Harshit 19 *(9b, 3x4, 1x6)*, Tim Seifert c Kishan b Varun 24 *(13b, 5x4)*, Rachin Ravindra c Arshdeep b Kuldeep 44 *(26b, 2x4, 4x6)*, Glenn Phillips c Hardik b Kuldeep 19 *(13b, 2x4, 1x6)*, Daryl Mitchell c Hardik b Dube 18 *(11b, 3x4)*, Mark Chapman c Abhishek b Hardik 10 *(13b)*, Mitchell Santner (not out) 47 *(27b, 6x4, 1x6)*, Zak Foulkes (not out) 15 *(8b, 2x4, 1x6)*; Extras (b-4, lb-2, w-6): 12; Total (for six wkts. in 20 overs): 208.

FALL OF WICKETS
1-43 (Conway, 3.2), 2-43 (Seifert, 4.2), 3-98 (Phillips, 8.5), 4-125 (Mitchell, 11.3), 5-129 (Ravindra, 12.3), 6-161 (Chapman, 16.5).

INDIA BOWLING
Arshdeep 4-0-53-0, Hardik 3-0-25-1, Harshit 3-1-35-1, Varun 4-0-35-1, Kuldeep 4-0-35-2, Abhishek 1-0-12-0, Dube 1-0-7-1.

INDIA
Sanju Samson c Rachin b Henry 6 *(5b, 1x6)*, Abhishek Sharma c Conway b Duffy 0 *(1b)*, Ishan Kishan c Henry b Sodhi 76 *(32b, 11x4, 4x6)*, Suryakumar Yadav (not out) 82 *(37b, 9x4, 4x6)*, Shivam Dube (not out) 36 *(18b, 1x4, 3x6)*; Extras (nb-1, w-8): 9; Total (for three wkts. in 15.2 overs): 209.

FALL OF WICKETS
1-6 (Samson, 0.5), 2-6 (Abhishek, 1.1), 3-128 (Kishan, 9.1).

NEW ZEALAND BOWLING
Henry 3-0-41-1, Duffy 4-0-38-1, Foulkes 3-0-67-0, Santner 2-0-27-0, Sodhi 3-0-34-1, Mitchell 0.2-0-2-0.

Toss: India; **PoM:** Kishan.
India won by seven wickets with 28 balls remaining to lead five-match series 2-0.
Third T20I: January 25, Guwahati, 7 p.m.

Our batters have to adapt to lower bounce: Lanning

WPL-4

Vivek Krishnan
VADODARA

Of the 11 matches that were held at the D.Y. Patil Stadium in Navi Mumbai in the Women's Premier League this year, there were six instances of the team batting first amassing a total in excess of 180. Though the Vadodara-leg has a small sample size, the highest total registered in the three matches at the Kotambi Stadium so far is Royal Challengers Bengaluru's 178 for six against Gujarat Giants on January 19.

The last two games here have witnessed scores of 154 for five and 153 for eight by the teams batting first. In Thursday's contest, Giants managed to clinch a comprehensive 45-run victory as UP Warriorz provided a meek riposte to a target of 154 and was bundled out for 108.

While Warriorz skipper Meg Lanning has pointed to the lower bounce vis-a-vis the pitches in Navi Mumbai as a challenge, she wants the batting unit to work out a solution.

"I think it's more the bounce than anything else. The ball is just not bouncing as much as it did in Navi Mumbai. There was still a bit of pace in the pitch. We've seen batters be successful, perhaps sort of working out the conditions first and then accelerating from there. That seems to be the trend. You've just got to adapt and assess the conditions really quickly. You've just got to find a different way," Lanning said in the post-match interaction.

Lanning rued the lack of effective partnerships on Thursday. "Even tonight, we started to build some partnerships, but then we just lost wickets at crucial times. We haven't been able to put the opposition under pressure for longer periods," she assessed.

In vain: Litchfield tried hard in the loss to Giants. X@WPLT20

Points table

	M	W	L	Pts	NRR
Royal Challengers (Q)	5	5	0	10	1.882
Gujarat Giants	6	3	3	6	-0.341
Mumbai Indians	6	2	4	4	0.046
Delhi Capitals	5	2	3	4	-0.586
UP Warriorz	6	2	4	4	-0.769

Q: Qualified

Today's match

RCB vs DELHI CAPITALS

Vadodara, 7.30 p.m

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Bangladesh appeals to the DRC hoping to overturn ICC's decision

Press Trust of India
NEW DELHI

A desperate Bangladesh Cricket Board (BCB) has written to the Dispute Resolution Committee (DRC) of ICC requesting it to overturn the governing body's decision to hold the national men's team's T20 World Cup games in India, but its appeal won't be heard as it is outside the remit of the sub-committee.

Even as the ICC has kept Scotland on stand-by, BCB under Aminul Islam Bulbul, after being completely cornered, decided to use its last resort – to approach the DRC headed by Michael Beloff (Kings Counsel). "BCB has approached the DRC of ICC as it wants to exhaust all its options. If DRC rules against BCB, then the only body that can be approached is Court of Arbitration of Sports (CAS) in Switzerland," a BCB source told PTI on the condition of anonymity.

While the ICC Board of Directors emphatically voted 14-2 in favour of keeping Bangladesh's matches in India after an independent security assessment which cited security threat being "low to moderate", Nazrul maintained that it wasn't the BCB but the government which is mandated to take the decision.

IN PERFECT SYNC

Golden pair: Manush Shah and Diya Chitale, the third seeds, combined well to clinch their third WTT title. They edged out the fourth-seeded Huang Youzheng and Shi Xunyao of China 11-5, 5-11, 11-5, 5-11, 13-11 in the Contender event in Muscat on Friday. X@WTT

Lancers book final berth; Royals and Toofans to fight for the other spot

HIL - MEN

Y.B. Sarangi
BHUBANESWAR

Vedanta Kalinga Lancers relied on Alex Hendrickx's brilliant brace to edge past Ranchi Royals 2-1 in the keenly-fought Qualifier 1 and book a spot in the Hockey India League final at the Kalinga Stadium here on Friday.

Lancers will wait for their next opponent, while Royals will take on Hyderabad Toofans in Qualifier 2 on Sunday to explore another opportunity to reach the summit clash.

Toofans rode on their lively forward Shilanand Lakra's double strike to beat HIL GC 2-0 in the eliminator.

Royals threatened the host citadel early and came close to scoring when Araijeet Singh Hundal passed inside the circle and Mandeep Singh shot over the bar.

After that, Lancers dominated the first quarter and went 1-0 up in the 12th minute. The home side predominantly used the left flank to keep the Royals' defence busy. They earned three penalty corners, out of which Hendrickx converted the second one with a powerful low flick that got deflected into the goal off a postman's stick.

Despite the absence of Josh Beltz due to a finger fracture, Royals displayed better ball control to get four short corners in the second period but Tom Boon and Sam Lane could not benefit from those.

Lancers kept their cool to not only defend solidly but to launch some counters before going into the half-time with their lead intact.

Maintaining a good structure and fine coordination, Lancers handled the third quarter well and extended their lead through Hendrickx's second strike off a short corner in the 32nd minute.

Royals' persistence helped them close the gap by converting their fifth short corner with a beautiful variation. Mandeep spectacularly dived forward to deflect Lane's shot.

Even though Royals built the pressure in search of an equaliser, Lancers' defenders blunted the moves in closing minutes to delight the home fans.

The results:
Qualifier 1: Vedanta Kalinga Lancers 2 (Alex Hendrickx 12-pc, 32-pc) bt Ranchi Royals 1 (Mandeep Singh 40-pc);
Eliminator: Hyderabad Toofans 2 (Shilanand Lakra 16, 39-pc) bt HIL GC 0.

The saviour: Lancers relied on Hendrickx, centre, to get the better of Royals in Qualifier 1. BISWARANJAN ROUT

INBRIEF

Pakistan includes Afridi for Australia T20Is

Pakistan selectors, on Friday, included fast bowler Shaheen Afridi in the national T20 squad for the home series against Australia. Australia is set to arrive in the country on January 28 and will play three T20Is at the Gaddafi Stadium (Jan. 29, Jan. 31, Feb. 1).

The squad: Salman Ali Agha (Capt.), Abrar Ahmed, Babar Azam, Faheem Ashraf, Fakhar Zaman, Khawaja Mohammad Nafay (wk), Mohammad Nawaz, Mohammad Salman Mirza, Mohammad Wasim Jnr, Naseem Shah, Sahibzada Farhan (wk), Saim Ayub, Shaheen Shah Afridi, Shadab Khan, Usman Khan (wk) and Usman Tariq.

Springer's hat-trick denies Afghanistan a clean sweep

Shamar Springer's hat-trick in the 19th over helped the West Indies secure a 15-run win to deny Afghanistan a three-match T20 series sweep on Thursday. The 28-year-old Springer became the third West Indian to take a hat-trick in T20Is after Jason Holder and Romario Shepherd.

The scores: West Indies 151/7 in 20 overs (Brandon King 47) bt Afghanistan 136/8 in 20 overs (Gurbaz 71, Springer 4/20).

Sindhu and Lakshya lose in the quarterfinals

P.V. Sindhu and Lakshya Sen suffered straight-game losses in the women's and men's singles quarterfinals, marking the end of the Indian challenge in the $500,000 Indonesia Masters badminton in Jakarta on Friday.

The results (quarterfinals): Women: Chen Yu Fei (Chn) bt P.V. Sindhu 21-13, 21-17.
Men: Panitchaphon Teeraratsakul (Tha) bt Lakshya Sen 21-18, 22-20.

Cardiac issue led to chess GM Naroditsky's demise

American Grandmaster Daniel Naroditsky passed away after suffering an abnormal heartbeat and had multiple drugs in his system at the time, according to a toxicology report that ruled the 29-year-old's demise an accident. In October, Naroditsky was found dead at his home in Charlotte, with police saying at the time that his death was being investigated as a potential overdose or suicide. The report said that Naroditsky died from "probable cardiac arrhythmia" caused by an inflammatory disease impacting the organs.

Shoddy batting performance leaves Karnataka in a precarious position

The home team ends the second day on 168 for eight, trailing Madhya Pradesh by 155 runs; Aneesh stands tall amid the ruins with an unbeaten 80

RANJI TROPHY

Ashwin Achal
BENGALURU

A poor batting performance left Karnataka on the back foot against Madhya Pradesh on the second day of their Ranji Trophy Elite Group B encounter at the Alur (1) ground here on Friday.

In reply to Madhya Pradesh's 323, Karnataka was found wanting in temperament and shot selection. With the exception of opener K.V. Aneesh (80 batting, 153b, 8x4), the others – including the likes of established names Mayank Agarwal (0), Devdutt Padikkal (0) and Karun Nair (12) – let the side down. The home finished the day on a precarious 168 for eight, trailing by 155 runs.

The slide started with captain Mayank, who poked at one to backward point at the stroke of lunch. Southpaw Padikkal, the man in form, was trapped on the pads by Saransh Jain and adjudged leg-before. Padikkal expressed disappointment at the umpire's decision, suggesting that he got bat on it.

Karun, the team's highest run-scorer in this campaign, set off for a risky single. A brilliant piece of athleticism and a direct hit from Rajat Patidar left Karun short of the crease. Right through the Karnataka essay, a heavy emphasis was placed on taking quick singles and twos, when risk should have been avoided altogether.

Wicketkeeper K.L. Shrijith slashed hard outside off and edged it.

Holding centre stage: The day witnessed an engrossing battle between Aneesh and Saransh.
K. MURALI KUMAR

Shrijith was soon followed to the hut by Abhinav Manohar, who ran down the track to Saransh and missed the ball completely to be out stumped.

In quick time, on a pitch which remained batting-friendly, Karnataka fell to 60 for five. Aneesh and Shreyas Gopal (41, 76b, 5x4) then calmed the nerves with a dogged 82-run stand.

Aneesh was game for a fight, displaying terrific focus and grit even as wickets tumbled around him. The 24-year-old recorded his maiden First Class fifty, in what will count as a defining knock in his fledgling career.

Saransh (three for 42) was a perennial threat among the Madhya Pradesh bowlers. The experienced off-spinner relentlessly honed in on a good length, building the pressure with every dot ball. The afternoon session witnessed an interesting battle between Saransh and Aneesh. The latter was on edge, dabbing deliveries onto the ground while narrowly avoiding the close-in fielders. Saransh held his hips and stared hard at the fortunate batter, prompting Aneesh to respond with a big lofted shot over mid-on.

Aneesh will have to stand tall once again on Saturday morning, as Karnataka will first seek to knock off six runs to avoid the follow-on mark.

The scores:

Madhya Pradesh — 1st innings: Yash Dubey c Vidyadhar b Shikhar 29, Himanshu Mantri lbw b Vyshak 39, Shubham Sharma c (sub) Kruthik b Shreyas 33, Venkatesh Iyer c Kaverappa b Vyshak 87, Rajat Patidar c Aneesh b Shreyas 30, Saransh Jain lbw b Kaverappa 32, Aryan Pandey c (sub) Kruthik b Kaverappa 5, Akshat Raghuvanshi b Vidyadhar 22, Sagar Solanki c (sub) Kruthik b Vidyadhar 20, Kumar Kartikeya b Vidyadhar 0, Kuldeep Sen (not out) 0; Extras (b-9, lb-10, w-7): 26; Total (in 116.1 overs): 323.

Fall of wickets: 1-53, 2-89, 3-164, 4-233, 5-233, 6-256, 7-281, 8-322, 9-322.

Karnataka bowling:

Kaverappa 20-6-50-2, Vidyadhar 22.1-4-56-3, Vyshak 22-5-71-2, Shikhar 27-4-70-1, Shreyas 24-7-56-2, Karun 1-0-1-0.

Karnataka —1st innings:

K.V. Aneesh (batting) 80, Mayank Agarwal c Solanki b Aryan 0, Devdutt Padikkal lbw b Saransh 0, Karun Nair run out 12, K.L. Shrijith c Mantri b Kuldeep 7, Abhinav Manohar st. Mantri b Saransh 14, Shreyas Gopal lbw b Saransh 41, Shikhar Shetty lbw b Aryan 5, Vidyadhar Patil b Solanki 4, V. Vyshak (not out) 2; Extras (lb-3): 3; Total (for eight wkts. in 58 overs): 168.

Fall of wickets: 1-2, 2-5, 3-19, 4-39, 5-60, 6-142, 7-155, 8-162.

Madhya Pradesh bowling: Kartikeya 10-1-45-0, Aryan 10-1-25-2, Saransh 19-3-42-3, Kuldeep 9-1-32-1, Solanki 10-3-21-1.

Sarfaraz credits Azharuddin for success on a tough wicket

Anirudh Velamuri
HYDERABAD

Sarfaraz Khan brought his superb form from the Vijay Hazare Trophy (303 runs in six innings at an average of 75.75 and a strike rate of 190.56) to the Ranji Trophy and put the Hyderabad bowling attack to the sword, registering his fourth double century in the tournament.

He credited a recent meeting with former India captain Mohammad Azharuddin for success on a tough strip.

"Azhar *sir* told me about how reverse swing comes into the picture very fast on this ground. That is why he also gets credits for this 200. We spoke about batting for about an hour-and-a-half. He taught me a lot, like where to stand and play inswing, for example."

Sarfaraz. K.V.S. GIRI

"My father used to show his videos to me. In fact, I still watch them to improve my flick shots. I am a fan!"

The only disruptions to the 28-year-old's knock were the frequent medical breaks his troublesome wrist demanded.

"Whenever the ball bounced, I had to play on the back foot. I have a swelling in my bone, but I pushed through as I wanted to register a big score."

The 200 came with an emotional celebration to boot – showing off his right wrist.

"I just wanted to say that I can make runs even when injured. I am a fighter, I have been fighting since childhood. I am always ready for Mumbai. It doesn't matter what people say about you, what matters is how right you are".

RANJI SCORES — SIXTH ROUND (DAY TWO)

Elite: Group A: At Bhubaneswar: Tamil Nadu 286 in 86 overs (S.R. Athish 50, Pradosh Ranjan Paul 78, Andre Siddarth 56, Nidhish Rajagopal 54) & 26/1 in 17 overs vs. Odisha 148 in 51.2 overs (Anil Parida 56, R. Sonu Yadav 5/30).

At Anantapur: Vidarbha 295 in 89.3 overs (Yash Rathod 115, Kalidindi Raju 5/62) & 4/0 in 2 overs vs. Andhra Pradesh 228 in 65.3 overs (Abhishek Reddy 73, Saurabh Kumar 62).

At Lucknow: Jharkhand 561/6 decl. in 151.5 overs (Shikar Mohan 78, Sharandeep Singh 139, Aryaman Sen 75, Kumar Khushagra 102, Virat Singh 50, Robin Minz 62 n.o., Anukul Roy 43) vs. Uttar Pradesh 32/3 in 11 overs.

At Vadodara: Nagaland 206 & 141 in 34.3 overs lost to Baroda 353 in 89.3 overs (Jyotsnil Singh 55, Shivalik Sharma 80, Shashwat Rawat 56, Krunal Pandya 52, Mahesh Pithiya 55, Imliwati 4/100). **Points:** Baroda 7 (16), Nagaland 0 (1).

Group B: At Pune: Goa 209 in 82.1 overs in (Snehal Kauthankar 73, Jalaj Saxena 6/79) vs. Maharashtra 306/8 in 91 overs (Ruturaj Gaikwad 66, Saurabh Nawale 95 batting).

At Thiruvananthapuram: Kerala 139 & 21/2 in 5.5 overs vs. Chandigarh 416 in 115.4 overs (Arjun Azad 102, Manan Vohra 113, Shivam Bhambri 41, Arjit Singh 52, Eden Apple Tom 4/61).

At Rajkot: Saurashtra 172 & 286 in 58.5 overs (Ravindra Jadeja 46, Prerak Mankad 56, Harpreet Brar 5/104) bt Punjab 139 & 125 in 39 overs (Dharmendra Jadeja 5/55, Parth Bhut 5/8). Saurashtra 6 (19), Punjab 0 (11).

At Bengaluru: Madhya Pradesh 323 in 116.1 overs (Venkatesh Iyer 87) vs. Karnataka 168/8 in 58 overs (K.V. Aneesh 80 batting).

Group C: At Agartala: Tripura 266 vs. Uttarakhand 299/6 in 85 overs (Lakshya Raichandani 65, Shashwat Dangwal 42, J. Suchith 84 batting, Saurabh Rawat 80 batting).

At Fulung: Assam 247 in 118.5 overs (Rituraj Biswas 53 n.o., Anshul Khamboj 4/55) vs. Haryana 164/3 in 45 overs (Yuvraj Singh 70 batting, Ankit Kumar 50).

At Kalyani: Bengal 519 in 135 overs (Abhimanyu Eswaran 81, Sudip Chatterjee 209, Habib Gandhi 91 n.o.) vs. Services 126/8 in 36 overs.

At Nadiad: Gujarat 175 in 55.4 overs & 20/0 in 7 overs vs. Railways 424 in 100.5 overs (Vivek Singh 53, Ravi Singh 98, Bhargav Merai 55, Zubair Ali 104, Karn Sharma 60, Siddharth Desai 4/93).

Group D: At Jaipur: Himachal Pradesh 406 in 122.1 overs (Innesh Mahajan 40, Ankush Bains 72, Pukhraj Mann 118, Nikhil Gangta 84) vs. Rajasthan 115/6 in 40 overs.

At Bengaluru: Delhi 216 in 67.5 overs vs. Chhattisgarh 351/2 in 102 overs (Ayush Pandey 161 batting, Anuj Tiwary 108).

At Hyderabad: Mumbai 560 in 123.2 overs (Siddhesh Lad 104, Sarfaraz Khan 227, Suved Parkar 75, Rakshan Readdui 4/107) vs. Hyderabad 138/2 in 41 overs (Rahul Singh 82 batting, K. Himateja 40 batting).

At Puducherry: Pondicherry 233 in 86.4 overs vs. J&K 150/6 in 60 overs (Shubham Khajuria 46, Abdul Samad 40 batting).

Plate: Final: At Patna: Bihar 522 in 135.5 overs (Mangal Mahrour 43, Akash Raj 50, Sakibul Gani 108, Bipin Saurabh 143, Suraj Kashyap 83, Rex Rajkumar 4/117) vs. Manipur 129/3 in 40 overs.

Casemiro. AFP

Casemiro to leave United at season end

Agence France-Presse
MANCHESTER

Casemiro will leave Manchester United at the end of the season following the expiry of his contract, the Premier League club announced on Thursday.

"I will carry Manchester United with me throughout my entire life," said the midfielder.

"From the first day that I walked out at this beautiful stadium, I felt the passion of Old Trafford and the love that I now share with our supporters for this special club. It is not time to say goodbye – there are many memories to create."

BENGALURU ROUND-UP

Karthikeya and Prakar put Karnataka in commanding position

K.P. Karthikeya's unbeaten century (155 batting, 181b, 10x4, 9x6) took Karnataka to a dominant 369 for two at stumps on day one of its C.K. Nayudu (U-23) Trophy encounter against Chandigarh at the Alur grounds in Bengaluru.

After being asked to bat first, the home side saw openers Prakar Chaturvedi (95, 144b, 13x4) and Faizan Khan (45, 90b, 4x4, 3x6) combine for 114 runs before Karthikeya and Dhruv Prabhakar (70 batting, 131b, 6x4, 1x6) came together for an unbroken 210-run stand.

The scores: Karnataka 369/2 in 91 overs (Prakhar Chaturvedi 95, Faizan Khan 45, K.P. Karthikeya 155 batting, Dhruv Prabhakar 70 batting) vs. Chandigarh.

Pratham and Akhilesh sizzle

Pratham Rao (99 n.o.) and Akhilesh Pradhan (five for 35) starred in BGS National Public School's 123-run win over Presidency School, R.T. Nagar, in the semifinals of the K.M. Ramprasad Shield U-16 second-division school tournament.

The scores (semifinals): BGS NPS 300/6 in 50 overs (J. Sai Rochan 54, Pratham Rao 99 n.o., Vedanth Vedanarayanan 50 n.o., S.V. Vishal Reddy 4/51) bt Presidency School, RT Nagar 177 in 30 overs (V. Sathwik Rao 47, S.V. Vishal Reddy 47, Akhilesh Pradhan 5/35).

School Vivekananda 177 in 49.2 overs (Dhruvesh 4/25) bt Kensri School & College 159 in 44.1 overs (Nakul R. Sagar 4/28).

Honours even between Real Chikkamgaluru and DYES

Real Chikkamagaluru FC and DYES FC played out a 4-4 draw in the BDFA A-division football league championship on Friday.

The results: A-div: Jawahar Union 1 (Lalminlian 29) drew with Sree Gajanana 1 (B. Niroshan Mani 90+6); Technico FF 3 (Sansam Kenin Meitei 15, Ronn Jaurus Joel 35, Geo Sab Kakkanattu 85) bt FC Deccan 1 (S. Sai Srujan 46); Real Chikkamagaluru 4 (Ujval 18, 40, Yumnam Riland Meitei 22, Anthony Rayan Wilson 85) drew with DYES 4 (S.A. Chandhan 9, 21, 72, Mohammed Niyab 42).

Thanush, Sharvi win

B.C. Thanush Shekhar and Sharvi Gahlaut clinched the boys' and girls' singles titles respectively at the Harsha Lingappa Tennis Academy AITA U-14 Championship Series tournament on Friday.

In the finals, Thanush overcame S.M. Dhanush 6-3, 6-7(8), 6-2 while Sharvi beat Saanvi Mohan 7-6(9), 6-3.

LIVE TELECAST

Ranji Trophy: JioHotstar, 8.45 a.m.

Men's U-19 World Cup: India vs New Zealand, SS Select 2 & JioHotstar, 1 p.m.

Australian Open: Sony Sports Ten 2, 3, & LIV, 1.30 p.m. & 5.30 a.m. (Sunday)

Premier League: SS Select 1 & JioHotstar, 6.30, 8.30 & 11 p.m.

WPL: Star Sports 1 & JioHotstar, 7.30 p.m.

Bhullar rues lack of depth in Indian golf

Uthra Ganesan
NEW DELHI

Gaganjeet Bhullar has been on the professional tour for two decades but the man remains hungry as ever for more. It is his biggest strength but it is also the one thing he feels is missing in the current lot in what he admits is perhaps the lowest phase for Indian golf.

"The main reason is hunger, and that comes with a vision. I was and I'm still full of hunger," Bhullar said, speaking to *The Hindu* on the sidelines of an event. "I am an 11-time winner (on the Asian Tour), I would love to go to 12, 13, 14, 15, I think I still have the ability to go and win more. But where is the depth in the ranks?"

The 37-year-old has earned boasting rights over the years. He remains the last Indian to win a title on the Asian Tour (Indonesia Masters, November 2023) and the DP World Tour, formerly the European Tour (Fiji International, August 2018). He is also the only constant presence on the Asian Tour, retaining his full card for 2026.

Need of the hour: Bhullar feels the next generation should be going to the Q School or wherever they feel comfortable.

The other four this year – Shaurya Bhattacharya, Rashid Khan, Ajeetesh Sandhu and Shubham Jaglan – managed to get one through the Qualifying School. Last year on the IGPL Tour, he won three of the five events he participated in.

"I'm not happy about that. That's not a stat to be proud of. If you look at the global scene, we are at an all-time low. It is not a moment to celebrate for Indian golf," he said bluntly.

He believes the youngsters have every advantage the older pros didn't but was clear it was up to them to decide their priorities. "When I talk to the youngsters who have had a great season, earned maybe 50 lakhs or 1 crore, they're enjoying the monetary benefits of golf. But that's not the right measure of success.

"You've got to step up and win. Being in the top-20 or top-5 is not good enough. I hope many of these youngsters follow me on the Asian Tour.

"The next generation should be investing in themselves, going to the Q School or wherever they feel comfortable. Even when I was not on the European tour, I used to go to the USA and train for months. That is missing now," he shrugged.

Alcaraz eases into the last 16; top seed Sabalenka, Gauff fight hard to advance

The Spaniard sets up a pre-quarterfinal clash with Paul; Jovic packs off Paolini; Medvedev rallies from two sets down to outlast Marozsan

AUSTRALIAN OPEN

Agence France-Presse
MELBOURNE

Carlos Alcaraz stepped up his quest to win a maiden Australian Open as he overwhelmed showman Corentin Moutet on Friday to reach the last 16 while Aryna Sabalenka said she was "emotionally all over the place" in victory.

Three-time finalist Daniil Medvedev battled through on day six at a warm and sunny Melbourne Park, as did third seeds Coco Gauff and Alexander Zverev. Top seed Alcaraz was never in danger against French 32nd seed Moutet, easing through 6-2, 6-4, 6-1 at Rod Laver Arena in 2hr 5min.

It was the Spaniard's 100th Grand Slam match and he boasts a remarkable 87-13 win-loss record, matching the legendary Bjorn Borg at the same stage of his career.

Victory thrust Alcaraz into a clash for a place in the quarterfinals with American 19th seed Tommy Paul, who progressed when Spain's Alejandro Davidovich Fokina retired with an apparent knee injury when two sets down.

"It wasn't easy. When you play someone like Corentin you don't know what's going to be next," said the 22-year-old Alcaraz, who is attempting to clinch the one major missing from his collection.

Women's top seed Sabalenka did not have it easy against unseeded Russian-born Anastasia Potapova of Austria, pulling through 7-6(7), 7-6(9) in just over two nervy hours.

The Belarusian is trying to win the title for a third time in four years, having been stunned in last year's final by Madison Keys.

"Emotionally I was all over the place," added the 27-year-old four-time Grand Slam champion, who faces Canadian teenager Victoria Mboko in the last 16. The 19-year-old Mboko defeated Clara Tauson of Denmark 7-6(7), 5-7, 6-3.

Gauff, the third seed, plays 19th seed Karolina Muchova next after beating fellow American Hailey Baptiste 3-6, 6-0, 6-3.

Jasmine Paolini, the seventh seed from Italy, was on the end of an upset against American Iva Jovic. The 18-year-old Jovic won 6-2, 7-6(7) to make the last 16 at a major for the first time.

Russia's 11th seed Medvedev faces 25th seed Learner Tien of the United States next.

The gutsy Medvedev on Friday fought back from two sets down against unseeded Fabian Marozsan of Hungary 6-7(5), 4-6, 7-5, 6-0, 6-3 in 3 hour, 43 minutes.

In other matches, Germany's Zverev dropped a set for the third match running before easing past British 26th seed Cameron Norrie 7-5, 4-6, 6-3, 6-1.

Home hope and sixth seed Alex de Minaur also stayed alive, downing American Frances Tiafoe in straight sets.

Temperatures of 40C are forecast to roast the Australian Open on Saturday, forcing a change of schedule and warnings for fans.

Play will start in Melbourne at 10:30 am on the main arenas, compared to the normal 11:00 or 11:30 am.

Other courts will start match action as early as 10:00 am, with organisers warning spectators to take precautions against the extreme heat and sun.

"We expect pleasant conditions tomorrow morning, in the mid-20s, and will start play earlier and take advantage of the more temperate conditions," tournament director Craig Tiley said.

Novak Djokovic and reigning champions Jannik Sinner and Madison Keys are all scheduled to play on Saturday.

IMPORTANT RESULTS

Third round: Men: 1-Alcaraz (Esp) bt 32-Moutet (Fra) 6-2, 6-4, 6-1; 19-Paul (USA) bt 14-Davidovich Fokina (Esp) 6-1, 6-1, 0-0, retd.; 6-de Minaur (Aus) bt 29-Tiafoe (USA) 6-3, 6-4, 7-5.
3-Zverev (Ger) bt 26-Norrie (GBr) 7-5, 4-6, 6-3, 6-1; 18-Cerundolo (Arg) bt 13-Rublev (Rus) 6-3, 7-6(4), 6-3.
11-Medvedev (Rus) bt Marozsan (Hun) 6-7(5), 4-6, 7-5, 6-0, 6-3; 25-Tien (USA) bt Borges (Por) 7-6(9), 6-4, 6-2; 10-Bublik (Kaz) bt Etcheverry (Arg) 7-6(4), 7-6(5), 6-4.
Women: 1-Sabalenka (Blr) bt Potapova (Aut) 7-6(4), 7-6(7); 17-Mboko (Can) bt 14-Tauson (Den) 7-6(5), 5-7, 6-3.
Putintseva (Kaz) bt Sonmez (Tur) 6-3, 6-7(3), 6-3; 29-Jovic (USA) bt 7-Paolini (Ita) 6-2, 7-6(3); 3-Gauff (USA) bt Baptiste (USA) 3-6, 6-0, 6-3; 19-Muchova (Cze) bt Linette (Pol) 6-1, 6-1.
12-Svitolina (Ukr) bt 23-Shnaider (Rus) 7-6(4), 6-3.

On the podium: Sakshi, centre, the topper in the women's 10m air rifle T2 final, flanked by Vidarsa, left, and Elavenil. X@OFFICIALNRAI

Sakshi and Shahu rewrite records in 10m air rifle event

SHOOTING TRIALS

Press Trust of India
NEW DELHI

Maharashtra's Sakshi Sunil Padekar and Railways' Shahu Tushar Mane bettered National record scores in the finals and qualification rounds of the 10m air rifle women's and men's events at the national trials 1 and 2 (Group A) here on Friday.

Sakshi shot 254.3 in the T2 final while Shahu scored 637.1 in the qualification.

Both these scores were better than the national record but they will not enter the official record books.

Sakshi secured the women's 10m air rifle. Rahi Sarnobat topped the T2 final of women's 25m pistol.

Sakshi also topped the qualification round of 10m air rifle with an impressive 634.4, better than the existing National record set by Elavenil Valarivan in the Asian shooting championship last year, to seal the first place.

Kerala's Vidarsa K. Vinod shot 252.0 in the final to finish second, while Elavenil Valarivan, who was second in qualification with 633.4, claimed third place with 231.4 points.

Babuta takes honours

Arjun Babuta claimed top honours in a closely contested men's 10m air rifle T2 final, finishing with 253.4.

Parth Rakesh finished just 0.1 points behind on 253.3 to take second spot with both shooting 10.8 in their final shot. Navy's Kiran Ankush Jadhav secured third with 231.2.

Manu Bhaker, who had led the qualification round with 589-24x, settled for third position in 25m pistol trial 2 final with 31 hits.

Top three: Arjun, centre, winner of the T2 final in men's 10m air rifle, poses with Parth, left, and Kiran. X@OFFICIALNRAI

Government of Karnataka
General Hospital Holenarasipura
No: GH/HNP/OS/03/2025-26 Date:23.01.2026

Tender notification

Tender were invited through e-Procurement Portal to provide a total of 72 outsourced services to these two hospitals with a total of 350 beds for a General hospital with 250 beds and Mother and Children's Hospital(MCH) with 100 beds for FY 2026-27. Tender Documents can be submitted Through KPPP Portal. Last Date for Tender Documents Submission is 04:30 pm on 10/02/2026. More details will be available at https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in

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OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER, RDW&S DEPARTMENT
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E-PROCUREMENT TENDER NOTIFICATION No. 06/2025-26, Dated : 19-01-2026

On Behalf of Governor of Karnataka, The Executive Engineer, Rural Drinking Water & Sanitation Dept, Chamarajanagara Division, **Chamarajanagar** Invites from eligible Agency for **Providing Manpower Service (Computer Operator and D Group) Through out Source to Chamarajanagara Division of RWSSD in Chamarajanagara District** are required to submit through E-Procurement portal 2.0, **kppp.karnataka.gov.in.** Date and Time of Publication of Tender 20-01-2026 at 11.00 Hrs, Last date of Submission of bids 30-01-2026 at 17.00 Hrs, Date and Time of opening of Technical Bids 02-02-2026 at 10.00 Hrs, Tenders are invited through E-

Sd/- Executive Engineer
RDW & S Department,
Chamarajanagara Division
Chamarajanagara

No : DIPR:CHANAGAR:658:2025-26

Agricultural Produce Market Committee, Shivamogga
Sagar Road, Shivamogga-577204,
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Brief Tender Notice

Tender Notice No.: AMD/APMC/S/Dev.W./2016/2025-26 Date: 21.01.2026,
APMC/2025-26/OW/WORK_INDENT797
Work of "Providing Galvolume Sheet Roof to Leave-A-Licence Shops and Godowns at Main Market Yard, APMC, Shivamogga" under Annual Action Scheme for the year 2025-26 through KPPP as per Karnataka Transparency in Public Procurement Act and Standard Tender Document-KW. Eligibility: Eligible Civil Contractors KW-4 registered in Public Works Department. Total amount of works: Rs. 138.23 lakhs + G.S.T. E.M.D.: Rs. 2,07,400-00. (Two Cover System) Last date for submission of filled tender bids through KPP Portal: 12.02.2026 up to 4.00 PM. Tender Pre-Bid Meeting: 02.02.2026 at 11.00 AM. Technical Bids will be opened on 13.02.2026 at 4.00 PM. After approval of Technical Bids, Financial Bids of eligible Contractors will be opened. Regarding uploading of tender KPP Portal Helpline 080-46010000 or 080-68948777 can be contacted. For further details visit http://kppp.karnataka.gov.in or contact above address during office hours. If there are any revisions, etc. in the Tender it will be published only in e-procurement. Separate Newspaper Notice will not be issued.

Sd/- Secretary (Class-1), APMC, Shivamogga
Sd/- Administrative Officer, APMC, Shivamogga
DIPR/smg/ksmca/25-26/185/01/1691

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SCHEDULE PROPERTY
All that piece and parcel of the Property bearing Site No. 15, formed in Sy. No.524/1, as per E-Khata Property No. 362/15, PID No. 150200101800400525, measuring East to West 160 feet and North to South 120 feet, in all measuring 19,200 Sq.ft, situated at Marasuru Village, Kasaba Hobli, Anekal Taluk, Bangalore Urban District and bounded on the:
East by : 30 feet Road;
West by : Site No. 4;
North by : Site No. 14;
South by : 40 feet Road;
Dated this 24 th day of January 2026 at Bangalore
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All that piece and parcel of the Property bearing Site No. 20, formed out of 5280 Sq.ft in Sy. No. 518/3, 3607 Sq.ft in Sy. No. 518/2, 5568 Sq.ft in Sy. No. 518/1 & 1045 Sq.ft in Sy. No. 524/1, Khata No. 245, as per E-Khata Property No.367/20, PID No. 150200101800400530, measuring East to West 160 feet andNorth to South 120 feet, in all measuring 19,200 Sq.ft, situated at MarasuruVillage, Kasaba Hobli, Anekal Taluk, Bangalore Urban District and bounded on the:
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All that piece and parcel of the Property bearing Site No. 12, formed in Sy. No. 524/2, as per E-Khata Property No. 359/12, PID No. 150200101800400521, measuring East to West 160 feet and North to South 120 feet, in all measuring 19,200 Sq.ft, situated at Marasuru Village, Kasaba Hobli, Anekal Taluk, Bangalore Urban District and bounded on the:
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West by : Farm Site No. 7;
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KUIDFC Bengaluru invites tenders for Providing Comprehensive AMC for 3 Nos Passenger Lifts of 13 persons / 884Kgs capacity for 3 years at Nagarabhivruddhi Bavana, KUIDFC. The tender document will be available on e-Procurement portal of GoK (i.e., https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in) from **24/01/2026 to 21/02/2026 up to 17.30 hrs.** The tenders can view, download & upload the proposals only through e-Procurement portal. For any further notification please refer e-Procurement portal

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Regional Office : No.1, Central Bank Road, Chamrajpet, Bangalore 560018, Ph: 080 71231027 To 32. Branch Office : G3 & G4, Rajebhosale Heights, Behind S T Stand, Old RTO Road, Sadarbazar, Satara. Tel No.02162-226868/69

E-AUCTION SALE NOTICE FOR SALE OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTY

E-Auction Sale Notice for Sale of Immovable Assets under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with proviso to Rule 8(6) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002.Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower(s) and Guarantor(s) that the below described immovable property mortgaged/charged to the Secured creditor, the Physical Possession of which has been taken by the Authorised Officer of the SVC Co-Operative Bank Ltd.,(Formerly Known as The Shamrao Vittal Co-operative Bank Ltd) will be sold on "As is Where is", "As is what is", and "Whatever there is" basis "Without Recourse" basis on **16.02.2026** for recovery of **Rs.10,83,214.50** (Rupees Ten Lakhs Eighty Three Thousand Two Hundred Fourteen and Paise Fifty Only) as on **31/12/2024** together with future interest from **01/01/2025** at contractual rate plus legal costs/charges due to SVC Co-operative Bank Ltd., the Secured Creditor from the borrower/Mortgagor/Guarantor **1. M/s. Fleetintelly Serve Pvt. Ltd.**, Registered address at M-2, Inland Avenue, Commercial Complex Building, Kodialbail, Manglore 575002 AND 505/A/13, LIC Colony, Sadar Bazar, Tal. and Dist. Satara AND STPI, 4th Floor, IT Park, Hubali 580020 AND 825, 12th cross Road, Kalantra Technology, Siddharth Layout, Mysore, Karnataka 570011 AND unit no. 2&3 on upper ground floor Rukmini Kunj Appt., constructed at C.s.No. 599 Gurwar Peth, Satara. **2.Mrs.Gudibande Subba Rao Shivaranjani** R/o. 505/A/13, LIC Colony, Sadar Bazar, Tal.and Dist. Satara AND 98, Mico Layout, Arakere Banglore, 560076 AND C/O Sandeep Kumar Kulkarni, 78, Suparna, 6th Cross, 19th Main, C T Bed, Near T R Nagar Police Station, Banashankari 2nd stage, Bangaluru Karnataka 560070. **3. Mrs. Nagajyothi Gudibande Subba Rao** R/o. New Laxmipura Extension, Manchanahalli, Gauribidnur, Chikkaballapur 561211, **4. Mr. Raghuram Rao** R/o. 505/A/13, LIC Colony, Sadar Bazar, Tal. and Dist. Satara AND C/O Sandeep Kumar Kulkarni, 78, Suparna, 6th Cross, 19th Main, C T Bed, Near T R Nagar Police Station, Banashankari 2nd stage, Bangaluru Karnataka 560070 AND 98, Mico Layout, Arakere Banglore, 560076.

The reserve price will be **Rs.9,90,000/- (Rupees Nine Lakh Ninety Thousand Only)** and the earnest money deposit will be **Rs.99,000/- (Rupees Ninety Nine Thousand Only).**

DESCRIPTION OF THE PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of the commercial premises no. M-2, bearing corporation Door No. 4-1-85/18, Measuring about 190 Sq.feet in the mezzanine floor(being part of ground floor) of Inland Avenue Commercial Complex building together with 0.30% undivided right in the common areas and facilities of the building including such shares constructed on :

Item No.	R.S.No.	T.S.No.	Kissam	Extent A.C.
1	394	227/1(p)	Converted	0-35
2	394-2	227/2(P)	Converted	0-08
3	394-1	227/1(p)	Converted	0-01

Situated at Kodialbail village of Mangalore, Taluk Within Kodialbail Ward of Mangalore city corporation limits and also within the registration sub-district of Mangalore city.

For detailed terms and conditions of the sale please refer to the link provided in SVC Co-operative Bank Ltd., the Secured Creditor's website i.e. **https://www.svcbank.com/Notice-Sale**.

Date : 23.01.2026
Place : Bengaluru
Sd/- (Sarathy Somiah)
Authorized Officer & Assistant General Manager, Bangalore South region

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No. Sup/CR/98/2025-26 Date: 13.01.2026

SHORT TERM TENDEER NOTIFICATION

Sub: Invitation of Tender for Tranport of Bio Medical Waste Management of Associated Hospitals of Mysore Medical College and Research Institute, Mysuru.

Tender has been invited as per Karnataka Transparency in Public Procurements Act 1999 for Transport of Bio Medical Waste for the period of one year to the K.R. Hospital, Cheluvamba Hospital, P.K.T.B. & C.D. Hospital, Trauma Care Center & Super Speciality Hospital which are associated hospitals of Mysore Medical College and Research Institute, Mysuru, for the period of One year or until further order (which ever is earlier) The Tender documents may be downloaded from E-procurement website: **https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in** from 22.01.2026 and last date for submission of Tenders through E-procurement website is **21.02.2026** upto **5.00 PM.** Those tenders which are not submitted with E.M.D. will be rejected.

If, the last date for submission of Tender treated as holiday, the next working day will be considered as last date. No Notification in this regard will be announced.

Sd/- Director and Dean
Mysore Medical College & Research Institute, Mysore
DIPR/MYSORE/SHIRDI SAI/1554/2025-26

BENGALURU CENTRAL CITY CORPORATION
Office of the Executive Engineer, Gandhinagara Division, 2nd Floor, BBMP Complex, Dhanavantri Road, Bengaluru - 560 009
No: EE/GNR/TEND/KPPP/010/2025-26 Date:23-01-2026

INVITATION FOR SHORT TERM TENDER (IFT)
(Two Cover System)

(Through **GOK** KPP Portal **https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in** only)
Tenders on Item Rate basis are invited by the undersigned for the work mentioned below from the registered contractors of Bengaluru Central City Corporation or Equivalent registration with CPWD/KPWD/Railways/MES or any State Government Organizations.

Sl No.	Name of the works
1.	Upgradation of Sri. R Gundurao Sports Complex, Construction of Shishuvihara and gym Building at Goodshed Road, Improvements to Thulasithota Road Play grounds and Parks Improvements and Other allied Works in **Ward-123** Gandhinagara. **Est Cost: ₹.1000.00 Lakhs, Amount put to Tender : ₹.803.05 Lakhs, EMD: ₹.8,03,057/-**
2.	Upgradation of Swmming Pool in Sheshadripuram and Improvements to Play Grounds, Parks and Other allied Works in Gandhinagara Constituency, **Ward-123. Est Cost: ₹.1000.00 Lakhs, Amount put to Tender : ₹.803.01 Lakhs, EMD: ₹.8,03,014/-**

Eligibility and Class of Contractors : As per KPP Portal
Calendar of Events : (1) Last Date & Time for Receipt of Tenders is **16-02-2026** upto **4:00** Hrs. (2) Date & Time for Opening of Technical Bid is **18-02-2026** upto **12:30** Hrs. (3) Date & Time for Opening of Financial Bid (Will be intimated through KPPP)

Sd/- Executive Engineer, Gandhinagara Division

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